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OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE NINTH

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH

OF

*P E N N S Y L V A N I A,*

WHICH COMMENCED AT PHILADELPHIA, ON TUESDAY, THE FOURTH  
DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOU-  
SAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT, AND OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH THE TWENTY-THIRD.



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TUESDAY, December 4th, 1798. P. M.

**T**HIS being the day appointed by the constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly, a number of gentlemen, elected Members of the House of Representatives, met accordingly ; but not being a quorum, they

Adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 5th, 1798. P. M.

A number of gentlemen, sufficient to constitute a quorum, met. Whereupon,

On motion,

The returns of the elections held in the city of Philadelphia, and in the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton and Wayne, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Franklin, Montgomery, Dauphin, Luzerne, Mifflin, Delaware, and Somerset, were read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were returned as Representatives for the said city and counties, respectively, for the ensuing year, viz.

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For the City of *Philadelphia*.

Lawrence Seckel,  
William Hall,  
Samuel W. Fisher,  
Kearney Wharton,  
John C. Stocker,  
Michael Keppele.

For the County of *Philadelphia*.

Isaac Worrell,  
William Linnard,  
Manuel Eyre,  
John Huston,  
William Penrose,  
George Ingels.

For the County of *Bucks*.

Isaac Watfon,  
Isaac Van Horne,  
Ralph Stover,  
Joseph Erwin.

For the County of *Chester*.

Joseph Hemphill,  
Abiah Taylor,  
Thomas Bull,  
Roger Kirk,  
James Hannum.

For the county of *Lancaster*.

John Hopkins,  
Richard Keys,  
Jacob Strickler,  
Alexander Scott,  
Jeremiah Brown,  
Daniel Buckley.

For the county of *York*.

Thomas Campbell,  
Alexander Turner,  
William M'Pherson,  
James Kelly,  
Jacob Hostetter,  
Philip Allbright.

For the County of *Cumberland*.

Jacob Raum,  
James Power,  
Thomas Kennedy.

For the County of *Berks*.

Peter Frailey,  
Charles Shoemaker,  
Daniel Udree,  
Daniel Rose,  
Baltzer Gehr.

For the Counties of *Northampton*  
and *Wayne*.

John Coolbaugh,  
Thomas Mewhorter,  
Abraham Horn,  
Jonas Hartzell.

For the County of *Northumberland*.

Jacob Fulmer,  
Simon Snyder.

For the County of *Westmoreland*.

John Wright,  
Abraham Hendricks,  
Michael Ruch.

For the county of *Franklin*.

John Scott.  
Andrew Dunlop,  
James Speer.

For the County of *Montgomery*.

Benjamin Brooke,  
Nathaniel Boileau,  
Frederick Conrad,  
Cadwalader Evans.

For the County of *Dauphin*.

David Krause,  
James Wilfon,  
Thomas Forster.

For the County of *Luzerne*.

Rosewell Welles.

For the County of *Mifflin*.

Moses Williamson,  
James Harris.

For the County of *Delaware*.  
Jonas Preston,  
Moses Palmer.

For the County of *Somerset*.  
Adam Miller.

*Note.* No returns have been received from the counties of Bedford, Washington, Fayette, Huntingdon, Allegheny, Lycoming, and Greene.

### M E M B E R S P R E S E N T.

Lawrence Seckel,	Abiah Taylor,	Abraham Horn,
William Hall,	Thomas Bull,	Jonas Hartzell,
Samuel W. Fisher,	Roger Kirk,	Jacob Fulmer,
Kearney Wharton,	James Hannum,	Simon Snyder,
John C. Stocker,	John Hopkins,	Michael Ruch,
Michael Keppele,	Jeremiah Brown,	John Scott,
Isaac Worrell,	Daniel Buckley,	Benjamin Brooke,
William Linnard,	Alexander Turner,	Nathaniel Boileau,
Manuel Eyre,	William M'Pherfon,	Frederick Conrad,
William Penrose,	Peter Frailey,	Cadwalader Evans,
George Ingels,	Charles Shoemaker,	Thomas Forster,
Isaac Watson,	Daniel Udree,	Rosewell Welles,
Isaac Van Horne,	Daniel Rose,	Jonas Preston,
Ralph Stover,	Baltzer Gehr,	Moses Palmer,
Joseph Erwin,	John Coolbaugh,	Adam Miller.
Joseph Hemphill,	Thomas Mewhorter,	

On motion,

The said Members proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and the votes being taken, agreeably to the second section of the third article of the constitution, it appeared that the Honorable CADWALADER EVANS, Esquire, was unanimously chosen.

John D. Coxe, Esquire, attending for the purpose, administered the requisite affirmations to the Speaker; and having withdrawn, the Members present took and subscribed the oaths or affirmations, in conformity to the directions of the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Jacob Strickler, Esquire, elected a Representative for the county of Lancaster, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and by the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Welles,

*Ordered,* That to-morrow be assigned for the choice of a Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Door-keeper, and that such choice be the order for that day.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y,

T H U R S D A Y, December 6th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Kean, a committee from the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ We are directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate are organized, and ready to proceed to business.”

James Harris, Esquire, elected a Representative for the county of Mifflin, and John Wright, Esquire, elected a Representative for the county of Westmoreland, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford, praying to be appointed Printers of the Bills, for the use of the House, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from Joseph Fry, praying to be appointed Door-keeper, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hall presented a petition from James Martin, praying to be appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brooke presented a petition from Joseph R. Kammerer and Company, praying to be appointed Printers of the Journal of this House in the German language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Strickler presented a petition from Albright and Lahn, praying to be appointed Printers of the Journal of this House in the German language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from Jacob Snyder, praying to be appointed Printer of the Journal of this House in the German language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Worrell presented a petition from Michael Billmeyer, praying to be appointed Printer of the Journal of this House in the German language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter

A letter, addressed to the Speaker, and signed Hall and Sellers, soliciting the appointment of Printers of the Journal of this House in the English language, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, and the votes being taken, conformably to the direction of the constitution, JOSEPH BULLOCK, Esquire, was unanimously elected, who, appearing, was qualified to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be empowered to provide an Assistant, subject to the approbation of the House.

The Speaker then informed the House, that the Clerk had appointed JOSEPH WEBB to assist him in the duties of his office, which appointment was approved by the House.

The House proceeded to the choice of a Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper, and the votes being taken, it appeared that James Martin was unanimously chosen Sergeant-at-Arms, and Joseph Fry Door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Boileau be a committee, to inform the Senate that this House is organized, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Linnard, seconded by Mr. Worrell,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, in concurrence with a committee of the Senate, to inform the Governor that the General Assembly is duly organized, and to know at what time it will be most convenient to him to make his communications to the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall and Mr. Harris be a committee, for the said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Bull,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to prepare and report a system of rules and regulations for the government of this House, and that until such report is made, and adopted, all the rules of the late House be adopted by the present House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Welles, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Gehr be a committee for the said purpose.

A motion was made by Mr. Hannum, seconded by Mr. Bull, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That each Member of this House be furnished with two daily or weekly papers, during the session, to be left at his lodgings, or otherwise, as he may direct, to be paid for at the public expence; also that a copy of each paper published in this city be left with the Clerk, as well during the recesses as when the House is in session, to be preserved for the use of the House; provided the same is done at the usual price.

A motion was then made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,  
 To amend the same, by striking out the word "*two*," and inserting "*one*,"  
 in place thereof.

Which was determined in the negative, and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. Welles, seconded by Mr. Linnard,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to examine the Journals and files of the late House, and report the business, left unfinished by that House, which shall appear to them to be necessary to be acted upon during the present session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Bull, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Preston and Mr. Coolbaugh be a committee for the said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Wharton,

*Resolved*, That Saturday next be assigned for the choice of Printers of the Journal of this House, and also Printers of the Bills, for the use of the Members, and that such choice be the order for that day.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Journal of this House be published, six hundred copies of which to be printed in the English, and four hundred in the German language, and to be delivered on or before the first day of June next, at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or such other place as this House may hereafter direct.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Hannum,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stocker, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Ruch be a committee, to join a committee of the Senate, and report a system of rules and regulations for conducting business between the two Houses.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Linnard, Mr. Brooke and Mr. M'Pherson be a committee, to examine the Journal of the House, and correct it at the press.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Forster, Mr. Frailey and Mr. Miller be a committee of accounts, and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers.

The committee appointed to inform the Senate that this House is organized, and ready to proceed to business, reported that they had performed that service.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Bull,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the Senate, to compare engrossed bills, and present them to the Governor, for his approbation.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Erwin, Mr. Eyre and Mr. J. Scott be a committee for the said purpose.

Mr.



Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the chair two several extracts from the Journal of that House; and having withdrawn, the same were read, as follow, viz.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, December 6th, 1798.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, in concurrence with a committee of the House of Representatives, to inform the Governor that the General Assembly is duly organized, and requesting to know at what time he will be ready to make his communications to the Legislature; and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan, Mr. Whelen and Mr. Gurney be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, *Clerk of the Senate.*

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, December 6th, 1798.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives, and report a system of rules and regulations, to be observed in conducting business between the two Houses; and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Maclay, Mr. Whelen and Mr. Lower be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, *Clerk of the Senate.*

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Eyre, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Turner, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Ruch, M. J. Scott, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Forster, Mr. Welles, Mr. Harris, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Miller be a committee, to devise ways and means for the supplies of the current year.

On motion of Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Linnard,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Ingels, Mr. Watson, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Brown, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Udree, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Fulmer, Mr. Wright, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Forster, Mr. Welles, Mr. Harris, Mr. Preston and Mr. Miller be a committee, to whom all claims of individuals shall be referred.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Linnard, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Bull, Mr. Strickler, Mr. Turner, Mr. Rose, Mr. Horn, Mr. Fulmer, Mr. Ruch, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Forster, Mr. Welles, Mr. Harris, Mr. Preston and Mr. Miller be a committee on roads and inland navigation.

The committee appointed to unite with a committee of the Senate, to wait on the Governor, to know at what time it will be most convenient to him to make his communications to the Legislature, reported that they had performed that service, and that the Governor would meet both Houses of the Legislature.

gillature, for that purpose, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, in the Senate-Chamber.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, December 7th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The returns of the elections held in the counties of Huntingdon and Greene were read, by which it appeared that John Blair, Esquire, was returned Representative of the said county of Huntingdon, and Isaac Weaver, Esquire, was returned Representative of the said county of Greene, for the ensuing year, who, together with Thomas Campbell, Esquire, elected a Representative of the county of York, Moses Williamson, Esquire, elected a Representative of the county of Mifflin, Jacob Raum, Thomas Kennedy, and James Power, Esquires, elected Representatives of the county of Cumberland, David Krause, Esquire, elected a Representative of the county of Dauphin, James Speer, Esquire, elected a Representative of the county of Franklin, and Abraham Hendricks, Esquire, elected a Representative of the county of Westmoreland, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

A letter signed John Huston, and addressed to the Speaker, declining the acceptance of his seat in this House, was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the same.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Henry Sweitzer, praying to be appointed Printer of the Journal of this House in the German language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Erwin presented a petition from Francis and Robert Bailey, praying to be appointed Printers of the Journal of this House in the English language, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from William Balmer, a seven month's man in the American revolutionary war, stating, that in consequence of his name having been written "*Palmer*," in the return made to the Comptroller-General's office, he cannot receive his pay, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Linnard,

*Resolved*, That a list of the names of the Members of this House, and their place of residence, be made out by the Clerk, and that one hundred copies of the said list be printed, for the use of the Members.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Worrell, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the committees appointed by this House be authorized to employ such law characters, as they may judge proper, to draught bills for them, and that the expence incurred be paid by this House.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine the laws of this state, and report to this House whether any, and (if any) what laws will expire, by their own limitations, during the present session of the Legislature, and which of those laws, in their opinion, ought to be continued.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Power be added to the committee of ways and means.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Raum be added to the committee on roads and inland navigation.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kennedy be added to the committee on claims.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blair be added to the committee of ways and means, the committee on claims, and the committee on roads and inland navigation.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Weaver be added to the committee of ways and means, the committee on claims, and the committee on roads and inland navigation.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ruch be excused from serving on the committee on roads and inland navigation, and that Mr. Hendricks be appointed in his place.

In conformity to the twentieth rule for the government of this House, the following persons were nominated as Candidates for the following purposes, viz.

Michael Billmeyer was nominated by Mr. Worrell; Albright and Lahn by Mr. Buckley; Henry R. Kammerer and Company by Mr. Brooke; Jacob Snyder by Mr. Frailey; and Henry Sweitzer by Mr. Stover; as Printers of the Journal of this House in the German language.

Hall and Sellers were nominated by Mr. Fisher; and Francis and Robert Bailey by Mr. Linnard; as Printers of the Journal in the English language.

Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford were nominated by Mr. Preston, as Printers of the Bills, for the use of the Members.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Brandon, a committee from the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ We are directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate  
“ is now ready to meet the House of Representatives in the Senate-Chamber,  
“ to receive such communications from the Governor, as he may think proper to lay before the Legislature.”

And having withdrawn,

The Speaker left the Chair, and being preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, with his mace, and attended by the Members present, proceeded to the Senate-Chamber, and, after hearing the communications of the Governor, returned with the House to their own Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and informed the House that a copy of the Address from the Governor to both branches of the Legislature had been delivered to him, which was read, as follows, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and*

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

IT is again my melancholy task to direct the attention of the Legislature to the fatal effects of the contagious Fever, which, during a short period of five years, has thrice, with increasing malignity, afflicted the city and suburbs of Philadelphia. Early in the month of August last, its appearance being discovered and announced, the dispersion of the citizens became more immediate and more general, than on either of the preceding occasions. The public hospital was instantaneously opened; and arrangements were promptly made for the removal of the sick, the interment of the dead, and the succour of the poor. The ravages of the disease, however, seemed at one time to menace the total depopulation of the city, so that flight presented the only probable means of safety: And that this resource, likewise, might not be wanting to the most indigent and the most helpless classes of our fellow-citizens, two encampments were, successively, formed in the adjoining fields, whither those descriptions of the inhabitants of Philadelphia were gratuitously invited to repair, as to an asylum, affording a commodious shelter, and a competent support. But, notwithstanding these judicious and benevolent regulations, the consequent diminution of the number of people exposed to the contagion, and the generous assiduity of the Physicians, who continued to prosecute their professional labours within the infected scene, the nature and extent of the calamity will long remain to be deplored. Before the hand of Providence, in its mercy, allayed the affliction, which, in its wisdom, had been dispensed, the victims, suddenly snatched from the various avocations and enjoyments of life, are deemed, according to an authentic computation, to amount to 3,645 persons, besides those who died in the country. A numerous train of  
widows

widows and orphans: (whose sad survivorship the public patronage can alone render valuable) must, for years, exhibit a spectacle to excite the sympathy, and exercise the compassion, of every philanthropic mind. The opulence of our metropolis, too, has sustained an incalculable loss, by the suspension of its commerce and its arts, the obstruction of public business, and the derangement of monied institutions: And, in fine, the general prosperity of the state will be imminently endangered, unless the resources of public wealth and wisdom, as well as the exertions of private industry and virtue, shall be sedulously applied, not merely to repair the injuries that have been already suffered, but to avert, as far as human agency can avail, the recurrence of so awful a visitation.

In depicting this view of the recent calamity, I confess that I am considerably influenced by a painful reflection, that the precautions, which experience, policy and humanity, dictate, have hitherto been unfortunately overlooked, or inconsiderately neglected. The records of the General Assembly will now, however, disclose to you, with irresistible force, the plans which have been submitted, at different times, to the consideration of the government, for more effectually preventing the generation, introduction and propagation of pestilential diseases: And I am confident, that the liberal sentiments of our constituents, in perfect unison with your own, have prepared you to adopt and enforce, among the earliest acts of legislation, every measure, which the learning of the faculty has devised, the successful projects of other countries shall recommend, and the authority or treasure of the state can accomplish, in the contemplation of an object so momentous and interesting. It is true, that the institution of a Health-office, for the security of our port and capital, may, in some respects, be regarded as a regulation of commerce; and the regulation of commerce, together with its fiscal emoluments, has been constitutionally assigned to the federal government: But, the power thus assigned must be deemed concurrent, in the present instance, in order to reconcile it with the paramount principle of self-preservation; and as the domestic misfortunes of Pennsylvania were embittered, during the late crisis, by a reciprocal sympathy for the similar sufferings of our fellow-citizens in New-York, Boston, and other cities of the continent, we may fairly anticipate, from the wisdom and justice of Congress, that harmonious co-operation, which can alone pervade the jurisdiction of the Union, and render the municipal system of an individual state completely efficacious.

To you, then, Gentlemen, as impartial and enlightened guardians of the lives and interests of the whole community, the citizens of Philadelphia, emerging from a state of complicated misery, anxiously and emphatically appeal. Wasted and depressed with actual sufferance, they claim from your bounty the immediate aid of a pecuniary supply, to defray the extraordinary charges which have been unavoidably incurred, as far as the exemplary and unrivalled benevolence of private individuals (here, and in other states) has left those charges undefrayed. Impressed with a just sense of the regular and meritorious conduct of the poor of every description (notwithstanding the temptations and opportunities which obviously occurred for pillage and riot) and trembling at the wretchedness, with which the inclemency of the season is pregnant, they also implore you to extend your beneficence to the indigent, the infirm, and the forlorn, during the severity of the present winter.

winter. But, above all, for the honour of the state, as well as for the preservation of themselves and their posterity, they confidently hope (as I have already intimated) that, under your auspices, an adequate appropriation of the public wealth, and an energetic reformation of the public police, will effectually redeem the reputation of our climate, and rescue our metropolis from the desolation, which, at this time, unhappily obscures the splendour of its prospects. To an appeal thus made, no generous mind will allow the suggestions of a parsimonious policy to reply; no enlightened Legislator will oppose arguments, extracted from peculiar interests, or local discrimination. The ordinary provisions of the law, indeed, are applicable only to ordinary cases; but the duties of humanity are as various, and as diffusive, in their obligation, as the incidents, exigencies, and misfortunes of life. The law of Pennsylvania, imposing on each district the separate charge of maintaining its poor, cannot, reasonably, therefore, be supposed to embrace the instances of poverty and distress, that unexpectedly arise from a national calamity—from such a calamity, as we are now doomed to deplore. But that fundamental law of society, which prescribes to its members a mutual participation in the good, or ill, of sublunary events, as the strongest cement of political institutions, demands from the remotest county of the state a contribution on the present occasion, for which a vicissitude, not uncommon, may hereafter require from the inhabitants of Philadelphia an ample remuneration. Permit me to add, that, upon similar principles (every part of the state partaking of the inestimable advantages of our commerce) every part of the state is alike interested, as well as bound, to furnish its proportion of the general means, for ensuring the safety, and promoting the prosperity of the only port, in which the business of our commerce can be transacted. Besides, the preservation of the public health, whether with a view to the Lakes, or to the Atlantic, seems naturally to be a subject of common care and expence; since, if any avenue is left open for the approaches of contagion, it is impossible to foresee, and it will be difficult to controul, or counteract, the direction, or the extent, of its course.

Actuated by these considerations, and remembering, as an honourable precedent, the liberality of a former General Assembly towards the capital of a sister state, I have directed to be laid before you a report of the receipts, expenditures and engagements of the Board of Health, and of the Guardians of the Poor, with a perfect assurance, that you will cheerfully assign a competent fund to liquidate this interesting account. It is impossible, I think, to examine its several items, without indulging the liveliest emotions of admiration and gratitude; without yielding a tribute of heartfelt veneration and applause to the vigilance, fortitude and philanthropy of the Managers of the public hospitals, and of the Superintendants of the volunteer encampments; and without deriving, from so signal a display of national sympathy, a sentiment of patriotic pride, which may serve to alleviate the pressure of every personal sorrow. For all the objects of expence in the city, the suburbs, and the encampments, you will find that there has been disbursed, with as much system and œconomy as the circumstances of the case would admit, an aggregate sum of 86,000 dollars. The original funds, which the law allows for the uses of the Health-Office (producing about a sum of 28,000 dollars) were soon, indeed, absorbed; but the auxiliary of gifts and loans established a ready and certain resource, commensurate

rate with every pecuniary demand which the crisis had created. Thus the gratuities in money have amounted to 21,251 dollars; the contributions in provisions, cloathing, and furniture, may be valued at 15,000 dollars; and a loan of 29,000 dollars was obtained, upon a confidence, that the Legislature would, at the present session, direct a reimbursement. In short, the documents, from which this summary is extracted, will shew, that after encountering, at the personal hazard, and, in a great measure, at the private cost, of volunteer individuals, the horrors and burthens of a three months pestilence, there still remains to be reimbursed the loan of 29,000 dollars; and with that amount it is now proposed, upon social and equitable principles, to charge the public treasury.

But, Gentlemen, recurring to the yet more important subject for legislative deliberation, permit me to delineate the outline, that seems to result from the various views which have been taken by different characters, under one general conviction, however, of the necessity of providing, without a day's delay, for the future safety of the city. The variance of opinion, respecting the origin of the late contagion, has, apparently, subsided into an unanimous sentiment, that such an evil may be equally imported from a foreign climate, and generated in our own. The first obvious remark, therefore, occurs, that our police will always be defective, unless it guards equally against both the sources of infection. For protecting the city from external danger, a system radically new must be introduced. A Board of Health should be constituted, of disinterested, and, in part, of medical characters. The number of their officers should be increased, their powers should be enlarged, and their duties should be permanent. A lazaretto should be established on State-Island (or rather, if practicable, on a more distant scite, to be procured upon this or the opposite shore of the Delaware) to accommodate, in separate apartments, the sick, the convalescent, and the suspected. Magazines should be provided for securing cargoes, and proper stoves should be erected for fumigating goods and merchandize, supposed, in any degree, to be contaminated. Though it should be deemed too injurious to the mercantile interests of the state to interdict, during the summer months, all trade with those islands and countries, which are usually obnoxious to contagious diseases, it will, at least, be indispensable, for that season, to prohibit any vessel employed in so hazardous an intercourse from approaching nearer to Philadelphia than the station of the Health-Office. Vessels arriving at any season from an infected place should, with their cargoes, be carefully cleansed and aired; and the duration of the quarantine to be performed should be fixed and prescribed by law. Every transgression of these regulations should be denounced as highly criminal, subject to the severest penalties, which should never, in any instance, be mitigated or remitted.

To avert the danger of contagion, proceeding from a domestic origin, the great, the indispensable requisite, is, an adequate supply of water for the various uses of the city. It must be perceived, that the general condition of the springs, which, at present, yield all the water that is consumed in Philadelphia, is far from affording, either in quality or quantity, what health and cleanliness demand. But, fortunately, the remedy for this growing inconvenience is not less obvious and certain, than the necessity for immediately resorting to it; since the streams of the Schuylkill and Wissahickon may, in a short time, be forced to flow through the streets of the city, at an in-



considerable expence of labour and money, compared with the important benefits, which the operation would inevitably produce. Inspired, therefore, by the same spirit of public improvement, which your predecessors have, in other respects, displayed, and stimulated by the example of our sister states, I am confident that this great work will be undertaken and prosecuted with zeal, liberality and success. The appointment of commissioners, to ascertain the most advantageous plan; the designation of an active fund (whether by a direct grant, by the imposition of a tax, or by creating a redeemable subscription stock, bearing an annual interest) for executing that plan; and an extension of the corporate jurisdiction to this, as well as, generally, to every subordinate object connected with the health, order and tranquility of the city, are incidental regulations, which will, naturally, suggest themselves in the course of your deliberations upon the principal subject.

I will not, Gentlemen, apologize for the length or the solicitude of the representation, with which you have been thus addressed. The period is almost arrived, when the constitution of the state ordains that our intercourse, as legislative and executive functionaries, shall terminate; and it is natural that I should wish to secure, for the last acts of my administration, the pride and the solace of contributing to rescue our country from the greatest physical evil, to which it has ever been exposed.

The sentiment that I have just delivered does not lose its influence, when proceeding to lay before you, Gentlemen, the general state of the commonwealth, I feel an earnest desire that your attention may be devoted, during the existing session (the last, I repeat, in whose business I shall probably have the honour of participating) to those other objects of public improvement, which, notwithstanding the judgment and diligence of your predecessors, are still wanting to the operation and energy of our political system. Though my former communications contain a specification of the objects alluded to, you will indulge me in selecting, for their superior importance, the organization of the Militia, and the amendment of our laws for the administration of justice. To a free people, deserving a continuance of the blessings of freedom, there can be nothing more precious than the exclusive and untroubled possession of the power to protect their civil rights and institutions from every species of violation;—a power, whose exercise shall be the privilege of all, not merely the profession of a part of the community. In a state of national war, indeed, the auxiliary of a standing army has become an unavoidable resource; but, whether in a state of war or of peace, those who have willed the existence of a government must be the surest, safest guardians of its legitimate authority. Hence the precautions, which are incorporated, upon this subject, with the supreme law of the confederation; and hence that public spirit, which at the present period animates the militia of Pennsylvania, and is cherished, I am persuaded, with unabated ardour, in every district of the Union. The recent military preparations of the Federal Government, in the prospect of a foreign war, required the co-operation of the militia, and my best efforts have been employed to embody and discipline the quota of this state. Though the contract for the purchase of imported muskets remains unexecuted, for the reason formerly assigned, a partial supply from the domestic manufacturers (whose progress will be the subject of a separate report) has enabled me to arm several of the volunteer corps, upon  
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the principle of distribution recognized by the act of Assembly. The other equipments have been procured at the expence of the individuals ; and I can, generally, assure you, that the laudable enterprize and emulation of our fellow-citizens, summoned to the service of their country, have hitherto supplied most of the defects of our militia law. You will, however, be constrained by the urgent inducements arising from the state of our national affairs to remove those defects ; and particularly to introduce efficient regulations for enrolment and discipline. To the measures already adopted for obtaining arms, it will be expedient to add a provision for furnishing the respective corps of artillery with field pieces ; a provision for establishing magazines of ammunition, and camp equipage, in convenient stations ; and a provision for defraying the miscellaneous contingent expences of the militia, as well as for allowing a more adequate compensation to those officers, whose duties require their constant attention. A people thus trained, and thus prepared, can never fail to command justice and respect abroad, nor to preserve liberty and order at home.

The necessity of revising our judicial institutions becomes daily more imperious, from the accumulation of business, which (independent of the casualties, that have lately affected the courts of justice, in common with every other public department) is a natural consequence of the increase of population, the extension of our trade, and the improvement of our soil. I will not presume, Gentlemen, to detail all the modifications, of which the existing system is susceptible ; but it is too obvious to escape remark, that the number of the Judges of the Supreme Court, as well as the power of the Court in matters of equity, ought to be augmented ; and that the grievance of compelling suitors from remote counties to resort, for the benefit of all appellate process, as well as to attend, for the ultimate decision of their causes, at the seat of government, ought to be redressed. The incidents that occurred during the affliction of the city will, likewise, suggest the expediency of a general regulation, empowering the Judges of the Supreme Court, on every similar emergency, to hold the terms in any part of the county of Philadelphia ; and to direct the Sheriff (whose humane interposition, on the late occasion, will undoubtedly receive legislative approbation and indemnity) to remove his prisoners from any pestilential danger to a place of safety. In other respects the condition of unfortunate debtors (while our jurisprudence shall continue to tolerate the rigorous process that produces it) will attract a compassionate attention ; but the manifest want of accommodation in the apartment now allotted to them, induces me, in particular, to recommend the establishment of prison bounds, as an alleviation, which may not only be rendered perfectly consistent with every claim of private right, and every principle of public policy, but which has long been sanctioned by the institutions of several of our sister states, as well as by the practice of that country, from which the law of imprisonment for debt was itself derived.

I am not aware that our Penal Code requires any material alteration, with a view to its municipal effects ; except, that it is always inconvenient, and sometimes oppressive, that a culprit, who has been convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held by the Judges of the Supreme Court, in any distant county, should be brought to Philadelphia to receive his sentence. But reflecting upon the state of society, and knowing how essential it is to the peace and

and stability of our government, that the administration of justice should be preserved from every taint of party, from every suspicion of influence, I should not acquit myself to our constituents, were I to neglect this opportunity (when I believe no reasonable cause of complaint has occurred) to advise, with a view to our federate association, a change in the mode of returning Jurors, for the presentment and trial of offences. By the act of Congress, the mode practised in the individual states, respectively, upon this subject, is adopted by the United States; and therefore, as in Pennsylvania, the Sheriffs are constituted the returning officers for the state courts, the Marshal of the district becomes, of course, the returning officer for the Federal Courts. The Sheriffs of Pennsylvania, however, are chosen by the people; they hold their offices independently for a definite term; and that term being expired, they cannot be re-elected till several years have afterwards elapsed; whereas the Marshal holds his office by the appointment, and simply during the pleasure, of the Chief Magistrate of the Union. There is no principle of rotation, to restrain his eligibility to the same station; nor is there any principle of disqualification, to exclude him from a contemporaneous enjoyment of all the other favours of the Executive. The bare statement of these circumstances sufficiently points out the mischief that may be apprehended (a mischief against which many, if not all, of our sister states are guarded) and it is left implicitly to your wisdom to discover and apply a remedy.

The Wyoming controversy, to which, for several years, my legislative communications have anxiously adverted, continues to demand an exertion on the part of the government, to vindicate its own authority, and to protect the violated rights of its citizens. Every symptom of irresolution, every hour of procrastination, must, inevitably, increase the difficulties to be encountered: And permit me to remind you, Gentlemen, that the situation of the distant districts of Pennsylvania, involving, in numerous instances, a dangerous collision between the legal titles of patentees, and the equitable claims of actual settlers, will furnish an impressive warning against the establishment of a precedent, for spurning the lawful jurisdiction of the state with triumphant impunity. It is still, however, I believe, practicable to terminate the contest in Wyoming by the grant of a reasonable equivalent, in money or land, for the claim of either of the parties: But, whether you shall be pleased to pursue that course, or to adopt a coercive system, I anticipate an acquiescence in the opinion, that your resolution should be equally prompt, explicit and decisive. Prudence, likewise, dictates, that some precautions should be taken, in relation to the prospect of similar disputes in other parts of the State. It is time that an entire draft should be returned into the Land-Office of the various surveys, which the deputy surveyors have made in their respective districts; that the vacant public lands should be ascertained; that all persons claiming lands by virtue of warrants, or settlements, should be required to exhibit a specification of their claims; and that a mode of payment, or commutation, should be prescribed for the case of unsatisfied warrants. Connected with this view of our territorial policy, it may be proper to observe, that the present process for the sale of unseated lands, to discharge the county taxes, may be perverted (and it is to be feared has already been perverted) to the purposes of an unjust and pernicious speculation. A reasonable notice, either personal, or by advertisement, should, surely, be given to the absent proprietors, before

before their property is exposed to auction ; and it would perhaps be even more advantageous to the public, than to the individuals, if an arrangement could be made, authorising a payment of the county taxes into the hands of the State Treasurer.

The institution of public schools, in obedience to a constitutional injunction ; a revision of the laws for regulating elections, and for relieving the poor ; the revival of a bankrupt system ; and the other general objects of the legislative trust, which have been already enumerated, form so great a mass of important business, that I shall carefully avoid every unnecessary addition to its pressure, during the continuance of the present session. Reviewing, indeed, the voluminous state of our private laws, and forming a just estimate of the value of your time, I am prompted to intimate a wish, that you would consider the expediency of vesting the county courts with that jurisdiction, for regulating ferries, mill-dams and fisheries, and even for erecting election districts, the exercise of which has hitherto been so laborious and so expensive to the Legislature. A report from the land officers, on the situation of their department ; a report from the agent of information, on the progress in the improvement of our roads and inland navigation ; and a report from the officers of accounts, on the state of our finances, will be seasonably presented to you. I have, also, directed to be laid before you, the propositions for an amendment to the Federal Constitution, which were lately adopted by the Legislatures of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and have been transmitted to me by the Governors of those states, with a view to obtain the concurrence of Pennsylvania. This expression of opinion, by two such respectable Members of the Confederation, upon an interesting subject of national policy (the privileges to be allowed, or denied, in the case of citizenship acquired by naturalization) is entitled to a serious consideration ; and will, undoubtedly, receive all the co-operation, which you shall deem compatible with our domestic prosperity, and the paramount immutable obligations of justice.

From the view that will be exhibited of our finances, you will perceive, that to a specie balance of 68,059 dollars and 11 cents, which remained in the Treasury on the first day of January, 1798, there has been added from the various sources of public revenue 153,345 dollars and 45 cents, making together the sum of 221,404 dollars and 56 cents. The disbursements during the current year for the expences of government, the redemption of the unfunded debt, the payment of pensions, the purchase of arms, the improvement of roads and rivers, and various other subordinate objects of appropriation, have amounted to the sum of 180,438 dollars and 93 cents ; so that on the first day of November last the surplus in the Treasury amounted to 40,985 dollars and 63 cents, and of this surplus a great proportion will, probably, be unexpended at the commencement of the ensuing year.

For the services of the ensuing year, however, you have already been sufficiently apprised that a very considerable supply will be requisite. The ordinary and contingent expences of government may be estimated at the sum of 140,000 dollars ; the incidental expences of the militia will, at least, amount to 7,500 dollars ; and the pension list absorbs an annual sum of 5000 dollars. But to these charges there must be added the extraordinary demands for the relief and security of the city, as well as a proportion of the balances of un-

satisfied appropriations, which amount, for the redemption of the state debt, to 30,215 dollars and 63 cents; for the payment of the bills of credit emitted in the years 1781 and 1785, to 21,365 dollars and 11 cents; for the improvement of roads and rivers to 30,890 dollars and 98 cents; and for the purchase of arms to 219,097 dollars and 58 cents. You cannot, therefore, I think, satisfactorily compute the aggregate of the funds which it is now necessary to provide for the public use at less than a sum of 200,000 dollars.

Under these circumstances, it affords me peculiar pleasure to inform you, that the recovery of the notes and cash, of which the Bank of Pennsylvania had been robbed (in a manner, and at a season, that will not admit of any imputation upon the integrity or vigilance of its officers) affords a critical assurance, that there will be no abatement in the revenue arising to the state from the dividend on the stock of that institution. This source, therefore, may be expected to produce a sum of 80,000 dollars; and the interest on the stock of the United States, the property of Pennsylvania, will yield a sum of 6,840 dollars. The fluctuating revenues, collected from the Secretary's office and the Land-office, the duties on sales at auction, the fees on writs, marriage and tavern licences, court and militia fines, and the arrearage of state taxes, will, probably, furnish 70,000 dollars; and these several sums, added to a surplus of 30,000 dollars, on which we may fairly calculate as resulting from the receipts of the current year, establish an aggregate fund of 186,840 dollars.

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

The duty which now more particularly devolves on you, to devise ways and means for defraying the expences of government, will be executed, I am confident, in a judicious and satisfactory manner. The difference between the amount of the demands for the service of the Commonwealth, and the product of our existing revenues, is not, in itself, very material; but still, to preserve punctuality in the performance of our public engagements, and to avoid embarrassment in our fiscal transactions, you will deem it proper to ensure a receipt of money at the Treasury, at least co-extensive with the prospect of expenditure.

The sale of certain city lots, which belong to the state, either as the original proprietor, or by escheat, and which have lately been valued at 35,000 dollars; the sale or the rent of the house erected by the state on Ninth-street; and a moderate augmentation of the fees collected through the medium of the public offices, may be resorted to with ease and certainty. But I confess that it continues to be a favourite maxim in my theory of the administration of a republican system, that, whatever may be the wealth of a state, the charge of supporting its government should fall directly and individually on its citizens. The imposition of an adequate tax for that specific purpose is calculated to produce vigilance in the people, and œconomy in the magistrates; while the general treasure of the community is left to be employed, with greater effect, in works of public improvement.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and*

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

The very serious aspect which the state of our national affairs has assumed, in relation to the Republic of France, excites universal attention, and must, incidentally,

incidentally, affect the course of your deliberations. It was reasonable to expect, that the jealousy, with which belligerent powers have at all times analyzed the conduct of a neutral country, would, in the progress of the present European war, expose the acts of our government to imputations of an illicit partiality: But it could not have been within the scope of a candid anticipation to predict, that France, to whom we were allied even more by sentiment than by compact, would, under any delusion, wilfully violate the rights, plunder the property, and spurn the friendship of a nation, whose independence she had gloriously assisted to establish. Such, nevertheless, being the wonderful vicissitude which a few years have produced, we are compelled not only to supersede the attachment, founded in our gratitude for former services, by a strong sense of recent injury, but to extinguish, in an honest detestation of the abuse of power, that admiration, which the first efforts of the French revolution had inspired. In full refutation, therefore, of the calumnies, with which the American character has been insulted at home, as well as abroad, we behold a perfect unanimity in the resolution of the people, to maintain the dignity and the rights of our government against the arrogance and the force of every foreign power. Relying, indeed, implicitly, on the wisdom and patriotism of those, to whom the federal authority is intrusted, still to avert, by every honourable means, the calamities of war, our fellow-citizens are, every where, employed in active preparations to encounter the awful alternative with energy and fortitude.

This state of the public sentiment, which bids defiance to every danger from external outrage, while our geographical position seems almost to place us beyond the sphere of foreign ambition, will, likewise, I flatter myself, have a salutary tendency to restore the confidence and harmony of our domestic scene. The spirit of party, intolerant and vindictive, has evidently raged too long for the peace and reputation of our country; discolouring, on the one hand, the current of public transactions, and, on the other, undermining that equal exercise of the rights of private opinion, which is, at once, the proof and the preservative of a free Constitution. But should the present fair and favourable opportunity be embraced (and it is peculiarly incumbent on every Public Agent to embrace it) to rescue us from these deprecated effects; if the principles of a mutual and merited confidence shall be seasonably disseminated between the government and the people, and between citizen and citizen; if talents and merit shall be indiscriminately selected and rewarded for their intrinsic worth alone; and if, in short, the standard of political parties shall cease to be a measure for moral perfection, then, Gentlemen, we may hope long to continue united and happy as a people, free, independent and powerful, as a republic.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, December 7, 1798.*

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Ordered*, That one hundred copies of the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature be printed, for the use of the Members.

The Clerk reported, that he had presented to the Senate the resolution of this House, appointing a committee, to join a committee of the Senate, to report

report a system of Rules and Regulations for conducting business between the two Houses; and the resolution appointing a committee, to join a committee of the Senate, to compare engrossed Bills, and present them to the Governor, for his approbation.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, December 8th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from James Van Etten, stating that he was wounded whilst in actual service in the militia of this state, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

The committee appointed the 6th instant, to examine the Journals and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, made report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

Bill to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.

Bill for raising and collecting county rates and levies within this commonwealth.

Bill to provide a more effectual method for settling the accounts of the several Brigade-Inspectors within this commonwealth.

Bill to establish a system of bankruptcy within this commonwealth.

Bill to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth.

Bill to authorise the Governor to let or lease the public buildings on Ninth-street.

Bill for the abolition of slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An Act to regulate hawkers and " pedlars."

Bill to render the punishment for the crime of horse-stealing more certain.

Bill for the prevention of usury.

Bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen.

Bill to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other water-works.

Bill to declare Frankford creek and Tackony creek public highways.

Bill to authorise Frederick Speck to erect a wing-dam on Conedogwinet creek, in the county of Cumberland.

Bill

Bill to declare Smithfield and Lizard creeks, in the county of Northampton, public highways.

Bill authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.

Bill to authorise Frederick Leather, his heirs and assigns, to maintain a dam across Bald-Eagle creek, in the county of Mifflin.

Bill for regulating the fisheries in the river Susquehanna and its branches, and the river Juniata and the branches thereof.

Bill to declare Fishing creek, in the county of Northumberland, a public highway.

Bill to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of Juniata river.

Bill to establish a ferry over the Juniata river, opposite Mifflinsburgh, in the county of Mifflin, and vesting the right in James Taylor and James Sanderfon, their heirs and assigns.

Bill for establishing and building a bridge across the Youghiogeny river.

Bill for the relief of Jonathan Bayard Smith and Peter Wikoff.

Bill for the relief of certain persons having grants of lands from this commonwealth, which are without the limits of the state.

Bill to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver.

Bill extending the time of payment for certain town and out-lots in and near the towns of Erie, Warren, Waterford and Franklin, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Bill to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for donation lands.

Bill to provide for defraying the expence of surveying sundry tracts of land, heretofore granted to Cornplanter, a Chief of the Seneca nation.

Bill for the relief of Hannah Lewis.

Bill to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

Bill to compensate the heirs and devisees of John Rankin, late of York county, deceased.

Bill to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.



Bill granting a further sum of money for improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Bill to provide for the immediate erection of a house of employment, and for the support of the poor, in the county of Delaware, and to render the maintaining of the poor thereof a county charge.

Bill supplementary to the act, entitled " An Act for the regulation of " apprentices."

Bill to explain and amend an act, entitled " An Act for the prevention of " vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation."

Bill for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark.

Bill supplementary to the act, entitled " An Act to incorporate the Connewago canal company."

Bill to afford relief to the school near the Rising-Sun tavern, on the Germantown road.

Bill to enable the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania to vacate the seats of such of their members, who do not attend the meetings of their board.

Bill to grant a sum of money to the trustees of Dickinson College,

Bill for the further endowment of Dickinson College, in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland Academy.

Bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

Bill to erect a separate election district, and to change the place for holding the general election in the third district in the county of Lancaster.

Bill for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.

Bill for the erecting of certain election districts in Northumberland and Allegheny counties.

Bill erecting part of Washington county into a separate election district.

Bill for erecting a separate election district in the county of Berks.

Bill to authorise the commissioners of Northampton county to assess and collect a tax on all unseated lands within the said county, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Bill to authorise the commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.

Bill to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine street and Cohocksink creek.

Bill



- Bill to authorize the Clerk of the several markets in the township of the Northern-Liberties to regulate the weights and measures used within the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
- Bill further supplement to an act, entitled " An Act more effectually to  
" prevent unfair practices in the packing of beef and pork for exportation, and to regulate the exportation of flax-seed, butter and biscuit,  
" in kegs."
- Bill supplementary to an act, entitled " An Act to ascertain parts of lines  
" between the counties of Berks, Northampton, Northumberland and  
" Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."
- Bill for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John, in West-Caln, in the county of Chester.
- Bill directing the mode of distributing the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.
- Bill to enable the Commissioners of Huntingdon county to compensate Benjamin Elliott for certain services.
- Bill to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof.
- Bill for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, into a separate county.
- Bill for erecting the town of Northumberland, in the county of Northumberland, into a borough, for regulating the buildings, and preventing nuisances and encroachments on the squares, streets, lanes and alleys of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
- Bill supplementary to the act, entitled " An Act to extend the powers of  
" the Commissioners of Huntingdon county to assess and levy a further  
" sum, for erecting and compleating the public buildings, and to grant  
" a loan to the trustees of the same."
- Bill to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in compleating three bridges in Bedford county.
- Bill for erecting the town of Chambersburgh, in the county of Franklin, into a borough, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
- Bill to erect the town of Greencsburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.
- Bill for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of erecting a parsonage house, and repairing of certain churches, in the county of Montgomery.
- Bill for raising, by way of lottery, the sum of six hundred dollars, for the purpose of repairing the state road between the towns of Strasburgh and Fannetsburgh, in the county of Franklin.

Bill for the relief of the representatives of Matthias Heifs.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stover, having obtained leave, withdrew the name of Henry Sweitzer, whom he nominated yesterday as Printer of the Journal of this House in the German language.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the choice of Printers, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Hall and Sellers were duly elected Printers of the Journal in the English language; that Albright and Lahn were duly elected Printers of the Journal in the German language; and that Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford were duly elected Printers of the Bills, for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an extract from the Journal of that House.

And then he withdrew.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

M O N D A Y, December 10th, 1798. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

James Wilson, Esquire, elected a Representative for the county of Dauphin, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and by the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

A letter, signed Samuel Bryan, Register-General, addressed to the Speaker, and inclosing a statement of the unfunded debt, was read; and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred, together with the inclosed statement, to the committee of ways and means, to report thereon.

The extract from the Senate, received on Saturday last, was read, as follows, viz.

I N S E N A T E, FRIDAY, December 7th, 1798.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives, to compare bills, and present them to the Governor, for his approbation. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dale, Mr. Lower and Mr. Whelen be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

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The Address of the Governor to both Houses of the Legislature, read the 8th instant, was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Powell, Mr. Boileau and Mr. Frailey be a committee, to draught and report an answer to the said Address.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Welles, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Speer and Mr. Weaver be a committee, to take into consideration the Governor's Address, and report to the House an arrangement of the fundry matters therein contained.

The report (in part) of the committee appointed to inspect the Journals and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, read Saturday last, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to regulate the general elections " within this commonwealth," be refered to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Eyre, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Horn, Mr. Welles, Mr. Wright, Mr. Blair, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for raising and collecting county rates and levies within this commonwealth," be refered to M. Hemphill, Mr. Conrad and Mr. Snyder, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to provide a more effectual " method for settling the accounts of the several Brigade-Inspectors within " this commonwealth," be postponed.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to establish a system of bankruptcy within this commonwealth," be postponed.

The bill, entitled " An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and fundry towns and boroughs within " this commonwealth," being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Frailey,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof, together with the remainder of the said report, be postponed until Wednesday next.

The motion made by Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Worrell, authorising the employment of law characters to draught bills, and read Friday last, was read the second time, and adopted.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh, relative to the laws which will expire during the present session, and read Friday last, was read the second time, and adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Watson, Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Turner be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Adjourned until ten o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, December 11th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition from Joseph Wharton, praying that the existing controversy between the Pennsylvania and Connecticut claimants of lands in the county of Luzerne be taken up by the House at an early day, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Upper and Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, praying for a new election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the counties of Northampton and Wayne, to report thereon.

Mr. Stocker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying an extension of the powers of the Corporation, and pecuniary aid, to furnish the said city with a constant current of good and wholesome water, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying an extension of the powers of the Corporation, and the grant of the duties arising from the sales at auction, to aid in furnishing the said city with a constant current of good and wholesome water, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forster presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Dauphin, praying that Christian Bear, of the said county, be permitted to erect a mill-dam on Swatara creek, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed the 6th instant, to prepare and report a system of rules and regulations for the government of this House, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

1. When the Speaker takes the Chair, the Members shall take their seats.
2. At the opening of the House each day, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read, and shall then be in the power of the House to be corrected, as to matters of mistake or of form only; after which any business addressed to the Chair may be proceeded on.
3. Every Member presenting a paper to the Chair shall first state its general purport.
4. A motion made, and seconded, shall be repeated by the Speaker, and, if required by the Speaker or any two Members, shall be reduced

to writing; but may be withdrawn by the Member who makes, or seconds it, before amendment or decision.

5. No business regularly before the House shall be interrupted, except by motion for postponement, commitment, amendment, adjournment, or the previous question, to wit.—“*Shall the main question be now put?*”
6. A motion for the previous question, postponement, or re-commitment, shall preclude amendment or decision on the original subject; but the previous question shall not be moved by less than four Members.
7. A Member may call for a division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.
8. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.
9. On all questions the Speaker shall vote.
10. No Member speaking shall be interrupted, but by a call to order from the Speaker, or by a Member, through the Speaker.
11. No Member shall be referred to by name in debate.
12. The Speaker himself, or by request, may call to order any Member, who shall transgress the rules; if a second time, the Speaker may refer to him by name; the House may then examine and censure the Member's conduct, he being allowed to extenuate and justify.
13. The Speaker may decide on any question of order, but an appeal to the House from his decision may be made by two Members, or the Speaker may in the first instance take the sense of the House. There shall be no debate on a question of order, unless there is an appeal.
14. Any Member, on motion, and leave given, may read a bill in his place, and, with permission of the House, present it to the Chair; it shall then be proceeded on, as if presented by a committee.
15. Committees may be of three kinds, viz. committees of the whole House; grand committees, consisting of one Member from the city and each county; and special committees, to be nominated by the Speaker, unless otherwise ordered by the House.
16. The name of every Member who shall present a petition, and the name of every Member who shall make or second a motion, shall be entered on the Journal.
17. Every proposed amendment shall be declared out of order, which tends to destroy the original sentence, clause or motion.
18. No Member shall speak more than twice to a question without leave.
19. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House, previously to its passing; but no bill shall be read twice in the same day. All bills

bills, after the first reading, shall be printed, for the use of the Members. Every bill shall be made the order of a day, after its first reading, and debated in a committee of the whole House.

20. In all cases of elections, there shall be a previous nomination of the candidate or candidates, at least one day before the election takes place.
21. Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate may be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table until the day following.
22. No motion for re-consideration shall be permitted, unless made and seconded by Members, who were in the majority on the original question.
23. When a blank is to be filled up, and different sums, numbers or times, shall be proposed, the question shall be first taken on the largest sum or number, and the latest time.
24. When the House resolves itself into a committee of the whole, the mace shall be laid under the table; but the rules and manner of proceeding, usual in the House, shall be observed in such committee, as far as they may be applicable, the eighteenth rule only excepted.
25. On all occasions of calling the names of the Members, the same shall be done in alphabetical order.
26. When the Yeas and Nays are called, the Members in the affirmative, or negative, shall have a right to insert the reasons of their votes upon the Minutes, if they desire it.
27. No Member shall absent himself without leave.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said report, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair sundry documents, referred to in the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature.

And having withdrawn, the same were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Wharton,

*Ordered*, That one hundred copies of such of the documents referred to in the Governor's Address, as relate to the resolutions of the Legislature of the state of Massachusetts, and one hundred copies of such of the documents as relate to the resolutions of the Legislature of the state of Connecticut, be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Weaver, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the commonwealth be required to procure such a number of copies of the laws of this commonwealth, as shall be deemed sufficient to supply such of the members of the present Legislature, as have not already received them by a former law or resolution; and that he deliver one copy of the laws of the United States, the property of this state, which are now in his possession, to each member of the present Legislature, under the above restrictions.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the act, entitled " An Act providing that the person of a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt, after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, unless he hath been guilty of fraud or embezzlement," passed the 4th of April, 1798, and to report to this House whether any, and, if any, what additions and alterations ought to be made to the said act.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Boileau, relative to the publication of the Journal of this House in the English and German languages, and read the 6th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The return of the election held in the county of Washington was read, by which it appeared that Aaron Lyle, Abfalom Baird, and John M'Dowell, Esquires, were returned Representatives of the said county for the ensuing year.

Aaron Lyle, John M'Dowell, James Kelly, Philip Albright, and Jacob Hostetter, Esquires, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Mr. Weaver presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Greene District, in the county of Greene, praying that the place of holding their general elections be changed, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the counties of Washington and Greene, to report thereon.

The committee appointed the 6th instant, to confer with the committee of the Senate, and report a system of rules for conducting business between the two Houses, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

- I. All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments of either House, to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages, shall be presented to the other by the Clerk of the House from which they are sent, and shall be acted upon at such times, as may be convenient to the House receiving the same.
- II. When the Clerk of either House shall wait on the other, notice thereof shall be given by the Sergeant-at-Arms or Door-keeper to the Speaker, who shall declare the same to the House.
- III. When either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such conference shall be held at any time and place, to be agreed upon by their Chairman.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said report, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Forster be excused from serving on the committee of ways and means, and that Mr. Krause be appointed in his place.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Forster be excused from serving on the committee of claims, and that Mr. Wilson be appointed in his place.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harris be excused from serving on the committee of ways and means, and that Mr. Williamson be appointed in his place.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lyle be added to the committee on roads and inland navigation.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Dowell be added to the committee of ways and means, and the committee of claims.

A motion was made by M. Brooke, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine the laws of this commonwealth, relative to the power of the Justices of the Peace, and report whether any, and, if any, what alteration can be made therein, to render the administration of justice more easy, and less expensive.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Stocker, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draft, and report to this House, a respectful Address to the President of the United States, approving the measures



measures he has pursued, in support of the honour, dignity and independence of this country.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the committee of accounts be, and they are hereby, instructed to allow Members, in the settlement of their accounts, compensation only for the time they have actually given their attendance in this House, except in cases of sickness; and that the said committee be further instructed to report such other cases, as in their opinion ought to be excepted out of this resolution. And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?* ”

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Frailey, ending with the word “ *sickness*.” And

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the first part of the said resolution, ending with the word sickness?* ”

It was determined in the negative, and the resolution lost.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Weaver, relative to the distribution of the laws, and read yesterday, was read the second time.

And the same being under consideration,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, December 13th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Weaver presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Greene, praying that Dunkard creek may be declared a public highway, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the counties of Greene and Washington, to report thereon.

Mr. Boileau presented a petition from the Ministers and Elders forming the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, praying to be incorporated, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Gehr, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Lyle and Mr. Williamson, with instruction to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Linnard presented a memorial from the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, praying a revision and amendment of the health-laws of this commonwealth, and the reimbursement of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed for the support of the poor during the late epidemic, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition from John Ewing, stating that he is the holder of lands in the county of Luzerne, of which he has never been able to obtain quiet possession, and praying the Legislature to receive the same at a reasonable compensation, to be estimated by indifferent persons, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Kirk, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to provide some summary method to compel the respective revenue officers of this commonwealth, who have received public money, and not paid the same into the Treasury, to pay the same in some limited time.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The motion made by Mr. Stocker, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, relative to addressing the President of the United States, and read yesterday, was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Hall, and were as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Seckel,
Albright,	Hoftetter,	Stocker,
Blair,	Hendricks,	Stover,
Brown,	Kennedy,	J. Scott,
Brooke,	Keppele,	Strickler,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Speer,
Bull,	Kelly,	Taylor,
Campbell,	Krause,	Turner,
Conrad,	M'Pherson,	Van Horne,
Erwin,	Miller,	Wharton,
Fisher,	Power,	Watson,
Forster,	Palmer,	Wright,
Hall,	Preston,	Welles,
Hemphill,	Raum,	Wilson,
Hannum,	Ruch,	Williamson. 45.
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Messrs. Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Eyre,  
Frailey,  
Fulmer,  
Gehr,  
Horn,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Harris,  
Ingels,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Weaver. 21.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Welles be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, December 14th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The return of the election held in the county of Fayette was read, by which it appeared that Joseph Huston and John Cunningham, Esquires, were returned Representatives of the said county for the ensuing year, who, together with Richard Keys, Esquire, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Francis Mentges, late an officer in the Pennsylvania line, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 11th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Upper and Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, praying for a new election district, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed the 10th instant, to take into consideration the Governor's Address, and to report to the House an arrangement of the sundry matters therein contained, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the health laws made to secure the city and Northern-Liberties against pestilential diseases.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration that part of the Address respecting the Wyoming controversy in Luzerne, and the neighbouring counties.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration that part of the Address relating to the institution of public schools.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to consider and report a plan for the more thorough organization of the militia.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on that part of the Address alluding to the judiciary system of the State.

6. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on that part of the Address, respecting the present mode of returning jurors for the trial of offences.

7. *Resolved*, That a revision of the election laws, as recommended, be an early subject of the attention of the House.

8. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the propriety of enlarging the prison bounds of unfortunate debtors.

9. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the amendment to the Federal Constitution, as recommended by the Legislatures of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and report thereon.

10. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the propriety of vesting the Courts of Quarter Sessions with the powers of regulating fisheries, mill-dams, ferries, and election districts.

11. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on that part of the Address, respecting the sale of unseated lands for county taxes.

12. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the subject matter of unsatisfied warrants, and make report thereon.

13. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to enquire into the circumstances respecting the robbery of the Bank of Pennsylvania, mentioned in the Governor's Address, and make report to this House.

14. *Resolved*, That the part of the Governor's Address relating to the finances of the State be referred to the committee on ways and means.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition from a number of the inhabitants of Greene district, in the county of Greene, praying for an alteration of the place of holding their annual elections, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to alter the place for holding elections in Greene district, in the county of Greene," which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed the 10th instant, to draught and report an Answer to the Governor's Address, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

S I R,

SIR,

THE distress, which the citizens of Philadelphia and its suburbs have experienced during the prevalence of the late contagious fever, has excited general sympathy.

To alleviate the injuries already sustained, and to prevent (as far as human agency is capable) the return of a malady so fatal to the lives of our fellow-citizens, and so injurious to the reputation of our climate and prosperity of the State, are subjects which merit, and will receive, an early consideration.

Being aware that a procrastination of the Wyoming controversy increases the difficulties to be overcome, and that the interest of the State requires its settlement, our utmost exertions will be used to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion.

In all our deliberations upon the other important matters contained in your Address, we shall carefully keep in view "the public good," as paramount to every other consideration—and shall cheerfully concur in the adoption of any measures, which may promote an union among our citizens, by guarding our country against the distraction of foreign influence.

The aspect which the state of our national affairs has assumed, in relation to the French Republic, has certainly excited universal attention, and may, incidentally, affect the course of our deliberations.

Finding that the honorable overtures which were made by the Federal Government, to restore harmony with France, were treated with the most studied insult and contempt, and that our messengers of peace (fully empowered, as well to receive explanations and reparations for the wilful violation of our rights, and the plunder of our property, as to grant compensation, if injury had been inadvertently done) were not even admitted to an audience, because they would not consent to surrender our National Independence, we feel inexpressible satisfaction with the conduct of the General Government in repelling the arrogance of that power, and, with a steady firmness, maintaining the honour and rights of our country; and it is with peculiar pleasure we behold the unanimity of the people, and their fixed resolution to support, at all hazards, their Rights and Independence.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That one hundred copies thereof be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

The committee appointed yesterday, to draught and report an Address to the President of the United States, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

S I R,

S I R,

**A**T this momentous crisis of our public affairs, the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, at an early period of their session, beg leave to express the high sense they entertain of your conduct, as Chief Magistrate of the United States.

We have viewed, with anxious solicitude, the wild projects of dominion, which have been displayed on the theatre of Europe, and truly sympathize with those, who have fallen victims in the tragic scene. We have seen, that even that theatre is too small for the capacious ambition of the rulers of the French people;—that they do extend their views beyond the confines of that quarter of the world;—that the Atlantic itself gives no bounds to their projects of subjugation;—and that the United States of America are threatened. Threatened, Sir, not with open hostility—not with an immediate and bold division of their territory—but with a division, by means of a dark and insidious policy, of the people from the government of their choice, and from the men of their choice, on whose shoulders the ponderous weight of administration rests.

The vilest arts of political seduction have been triumphantly employed in various governments, and especially in those of republican form. The endearing language of sister has been uttered, in the moment of a deadly embrace.

That you, Sir, have been constantly aware of the effects of this policy, and have, with an uniform dignity, provided against them, so far as your constitutional powers enabled you so to do, must be highly gratifying to the patriotic pride of every independent mind. That in this Address we speak the sentiments of the great body of our constituents, as well as our own, warms our hearts to an expression of that important truth. Yet we deplore that there are those, who call themselves by the American name, who have daringly insulted our country, by an usurpation of powers not delegated to them, by an obscure interference in our external concerns.

That you have in a late official communication noticed this circumstance, is an additional proof of your vigilance for the general welfare.

The interesting and feeling manner in which you have noticed the late dreadful disease, which has afflicted several of our cities, and, among them, the capital of the Union, demands the acknowledgment of the State of Pennsylvania; and we doubt not but the Legislature of the United States will give all the attention to the subject, which its importance demands.

With sincere and earnest wishes for your health; that your care for the public good may live, and, with it, the confidence of the citizens of the United States in you; the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania have voted this Address.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Or cred.* That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be the order for that day.

On

On motion,

*Ordered*, That one hundred copies thereof be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Seckel be added to the committee appointed the 6th instant, to examine the Journal of this House, and correct it at the press.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the report of a committee appointed the 6th instant, to prepare and report a system of rules for the government of this House, read the 11th instant.

The first rule contained in the said report was adopted, as follows,

1. When the Speaker takes the Chair, the Members shall take their seats.

The second rule was adopted, as follows,

2. At the opening of the House each day, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read, and shall then be in the power of the House to be corrected, as to matters of mistake or of form only; after which any business addressed to the Chair may be proceeded on.

The third rule was adopted, as follows,

3. Every Member presenting a paper to the Chair shall first state its general purport.

The fourth rule was adopted, as follows,

4. A motion made, and seconded, shall be repeated by the Speaker, and, if required by the Speaker or any two Members, shall be reduced to writing; but may be withdrawn by the Member who makes, or seconds it, before amendment or decision.

The fifth rule was adopted, as follows,

5. No business regularly before the House shall be interrupted, except by motion for postponement, commitment, amendment, adjournment, or the previous question, to wit.—“*Shall the main question be now put?*”

The sixth rule was adopted, as follows,

6. A motion for the previous question, postponement, or re-commitment, shall preclude amendment or decision on the original subject; but the previous question shall not be moved by less than four Members.

The seventh rule was adopted, as follows,

7. A Member may call for a division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

The eighth rule was adopted, as follows,

8. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The ninth rule was adopted, as follows,

9. On all questions the Speaker shall vote.

The tenth rule was adopted, as follows,

10. No Member speaking shall be interrupted, but by a call to order from the Speaker, or by a Member, through the Speaker.

The eleventh rule was adopted, as follows,

11. No Member shall be referred to by name in debate.

The twelfth rule being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bull,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

The thirteenth rule was adopted, as follows,

13. The Speaker may decide on any question of order, but an appeal to the House from his decision may be made by two Members, or the Speaker may in the first instance take the sense of the House. There shall be no debate on a question of order, unless there is an appeal.

The fourteenth rule was adopted, as follows,

14. Any Member, on motion, and leave given, may read a bill in his place, and, with permission of the House, present it to the Chair; it shall then be proceeded on, as if presented by a committee.

The fifteenth rule was adopted, as follows,

15. Committees may be of three kinds, viz. committees of the whole House; grand committees, consisting of one Member from the city and each county; and special committees, to be nominated by the Speaker, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

The sixteenth rule was adopted, as follows,

16. The name of every Member who shall present a petition, and the name of every Member who shall make or second a motion, shall be entered on the Journal.

The seventeenth rule was adopted, as follows,

17. Every proposed amendment shall be declared out of order, which tends to destroy the original sentence, clause or motion.

The eighteenth rule was adopted, as follows,

18. No Member shall speak more than twice to a question without leave.

The nineteenth rule being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by adding thereto these words, "*and all bills sent down from the Senate to this House shall be referred to a committee, to report thereon.*"

And



And the said amendment being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said rule and amendment be postponed for the present.

The twentieth rule was adopted, as follows,

20. In all cases of elections, there shall be a previous nomination of the candidate or candidates, at least one day before the election takes place.

The twenty-first rule was adopted, as follows,

21. Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate may be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table until the day following.

The twenty-second rule was adopted, as follows,

22. No motion for re-consideration shall be permitted, unless made and seconded by Members, who were in the majority on the original question.

The twenty-third rule was adopted, as follows,

23. When a blank is to be filled up, and different sums, numbers or times, shall be proposed, the question shall be first taken on the largest sum or number, and the latest time.

The twenty-fourth rule was adopted, as follows,

24. When the House resolves itself into a committee of the whole, the mace shall be laid under the table; but the rules and manner of proceeding, usual in the House, shall be observed in such committee, as far as they may be applicable, the eighteenth rule only excepted.

The twenty-fifth rule was adopted, as follows,

25. On all occasions of calling the names of the Members, the same shall be done in alphabetical order.

The twenty-sixth rule was adopted, as follows,

26. When the Yeas and Nays are called, the Members in the affirmative, or negative, shall have a right to insert the reasons of their votes upon the Minutes, if they desire it.

The twenty-seventh rule was adopted, as follows,

27. No Member shall absent himself without leave.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

*Ordered*, That the following be added to the said report, and that it be the twenty-eighth rule.

28. No rule shall be dispensed with, unless by consent of two thirds of the Members present.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee appointed the 6th instant, to report a system of rules and regulations for conducting business between the two Houses, read the 12th instant, and the first rule contained in the said report was adopted, as follows,

- I. All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments of either House, to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages, shall be presented to the other by the Clerk of the House from which they are sent, and shall be acted upon at such times as may be convenient to the House receiving the same.

The second rule was adopted, as follows,

- II. When the Clerk of either House shall wait on the other, notice thereof shall be given by the Sergeant-at-Arms or Door-keeper to the Speaker, who shall declare the same to the House.

The third rule was adopted, as follows,

- III. When either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such conference shall be held at any time and place, to be agreed upon by their Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Conrad,

*Ordered*, That the following be added to the said report, and that it be the fourth rule.

- IV. No new bill shall be transmitted from or received by either House, within four days of the time fixed on for an adjournment.

The motion made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, relative to the act of insolvency, and read the 11th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Cunningham be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The motion made by Mr. Brooke, seconded by Mr. Conrad, relative to the power of Justices of the Peace, and read the 12th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Brooke, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Krause and Mr. Huston be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The motion made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Kirk, relative to the revenue officers of this state, and read the 13th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stocker, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Raum and Mr. Hendricks be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

SATURDAY,

S A T U R D A Y, December 15th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Northampton county, praying for pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road through the Water-Gap of the Blue-mountain, read in the late House March 26th last, were taken from the files by Mr. Coolbaugh, presented to the Chair, read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of York county, resident adjoining or near the manor of Maske, stating that they have felt all the inconvenience of those who actually hold lands within the said manor, and praying an exoneration of twenty-five years interest on the purchase money of their estates, read in the late House December 14th, 1797, was taken from the files by Mr. Kelly, presented to the Chair, read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Beaver township, in Northumberland county, praying that a new election district may be laid off from the Sixth district, and that they be authorised to hold their general elections at the House of Henry Grofs, senior, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Fulmer and Mr. Harris, to report thereon.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Mifflin county, praying that a law may be passed to regulate the shad fisheries in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Power, Mr. Harris, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Forster and Mr. Blair, to report thereon.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a Grand Jury in the county of Mifflin, of a similar tenor to that just preceding, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle and Lower Smithfield, Hamilton, and Chesnut-hill, in the county of Northampton, praying that the place of holding their annual elections be changed to the house now occupied by Simon Heller, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the counties of Northampton and Wayne, to report thereon.

The committee appointed the 6th instant, to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, made a further report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

¶ That the following reports of committees were specially recommended to the present Legislature.

1. The report on the petition of James Millegan and Hugh Lenox.
2. The report on the petition of John Hazlewood, late commissioner of purchases.
3. The report on the petitions for the removal of the seat of justice in Lycoming county.
4. The report on petitions for the suppression of vice, immorality, and vain sports.
5. The report on the petitions for restoring the jurisdiction of the Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Courts, to the Justices of the Peace, and allowing them compensation for their attendance.
6. The report on petitions for a division of York county.
7. The report on petitions of Peter Frank and John Evans.
8. The report on marriage and tavern licences.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Northampton county, praying for a new election district, read yesterday, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill, entitled " An Act to alter the place for holding elections in " Greene district, in the county of Greene," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, in order to take the same into consideration?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the section of the said bill was adopted.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Keys, To amend the bill, by adding thereto the following section, viz.

" **SECT. II.** And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act the townships of Warwick and Rapho, in the county of Lancaster, are hereby erected into a separate election district, to be called the Seventh District; and the inhabitants thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by John Heintzleman, in the town of Manheim, in the township of Rapho aforesaid."

And the said amendment being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. M'Pherson,

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed for the present.

The report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature, and report to this House an arrangement of the sundry matters therein contained, read yesterday, was read the second time, and the first resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The second resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Preston and Mr. Cunningham be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The third resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Stover, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Albright, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Udree, Mr. Horn, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wright, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Huston, Mr. Speer, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Krause, Mr. Welles, Mr. Blair, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Miller and Mr. Weaver be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The fourth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Worrell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Udree, Mr. Forster and Mr. Weaver be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The fifth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ingels, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Welles be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The sixth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Stover be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The seventh item, or clause, was postponed for the present.

The eighth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Rugh, Mr. Blair and Mr. Harris be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The ninth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Rose, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Welles, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Huston be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The tenth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frailey, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Albright, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Speer, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Wright be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

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The eleventh resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Eyre, Mr. Hartzell and Mr. Blair be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The twelfth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Turner, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Speer be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The thirteenth resolution was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Preston, Mr. Frailey and Mr. Weaver be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The fourteenth resolution was adopted.

The petition from the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, read the 13th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

The petition from the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, read the 11th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

The petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, read the 11th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present to the House of Representatives, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon.”

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Weaver, relative to the distribution of the laws, and read the 11th instant, was read the second time.

And the same being under consideration, was withdrawn by Mr. Frailey.

Mr. Frailey read in his place a bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the purchase of the laws of this commonwealth for public use.”

And having obtained leave, presented the same to the Chair, when it was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, December 17th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. M'Dowell presented a petition from the trustees of the academy and library of the town of Canonsburgh, in the county of Washington, praying aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed Saturday last, on that part of the Governor's Address which relates to the institution of public schools, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to divide the first election district in the county of Northampton," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The petition of Francis Mentges, read the 14th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the report of the committee appointed to draught and report an answer to the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature, read the 14th instant.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the same, with an amendment, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee appointed to draught and report an answer to the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Penrose, To amend the said report, by adding thereto the following, viz.

“ We sincerely regret that the spirit of party, intolerant and vindictive, has so long raged, interrupting the peace, and injuring the reputation of our country—discolouring, on the one hand, the current of public transactions; and on the other, undermining that equal exercise of the rights of private opinion, which is at once the proof and preservative of a free constitution. Gladly would we embrace every fair opportunity of lending our aid to obviate their deprecated effects—and would rejoice to see the principles of mutual and merited confidence reasonably diffused between the government and the people, and between citizen and citizen—to see talents and merit indiscriminately selected and rewarded, for their intrinsic merit alone—the measure of moral perfection never regulated by the standard of political parties.

“ As this, Sir, is possibly the last time the Legislature of Pennsylvania will have an opportunity of addressing you, as the Chief Magistrate of the state, they would do violence to their own feelings, as well as to those of a great majority of their constituents, were they to let it pass, without expressing *this sentiment*, in the unaffected language of sincerity, “ *that you have deserved well of your country;*” and that their best wishes for your personal happiness follow you into your retirement, and that you may experience the sublime and rational enjoyment, of reviewing your past conduct with the approbation of your own heart.”

Mr. Frailey called for a division of the question, ending with the word “ *parties.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the first part of the said amendment, ending with the word “ parties?”*”

It was determined in the negative.

The last part of the said amendment being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Bull,

To postpone the same, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

“ As this will probably be the last opportunity we shall have, permit us, previously to your leaving the high office you now hold, to express our approbation of the care you have manifested for the public welfare, and to wish you health and happiness in your retirement.”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the postponement ?*”

It was determined in the affirmative, and the substitute adopted.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said report, as amended?*”

It was determined in the affirmative, and adopted, as follows, viz.

To THOMAS MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR of the commonwealth of PENNSYLVANIA.

SIR,

THE distress, which the citizens of Philadelphia and its suburbs have experienced during the prevalence of the late contagious fever, has excited general sympathy.

To



To alleviate the injuries already sustained, and to prevent (as far as human agency is capable) the return of a malady so fatal to the lives of our fellow-citizens, and so injurious to the reputation of our climate and prosperity of the State, are subjects which merit, and will receive, an early consideration.

Being aware that a procrastination of the Wyoming controversy increases the difficulties to be overcome, and that the interest of the State requires its settlement, our utmost exertions will be used to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion.

In all our deliberations upon the other important matters contained in your Address, we shall carefully keep in view "the public good," as paramount to every other consideration—and shall cheerfully concur in the adoption of any measures, which may promote an union among our citizens, by guarding our country against the destructive effects of foreign influence.

The aspect which the state of our national affairs has assumed, in relation to the French Republic, has certainly excited universal attention, and may, incidentally, affect the course of our deliberations.

Finding that the honorable overtures which were made by the Federal Government, to restore harmony with France, were treated with the most studied insult and contempt, and that our messengers of peace (fully empowered, as well to receive explanations and reparations for the wilful violation of our rights, and the plunder of our property, as to grant compensation, if injury had been inadvertently done) were not even admitted to an audience, because they would not consent to surrender our National Independence, we feel inexpressible satisfaction with the conduct of the General Government in repelling the arrogance of that power, and, with a steady firmness, maintaining the honour and rights of our country; and it is with peculiar pleasure we behold the unanimity of the people, and their fixed resolution to support, at all hazards, their Rights and Independence.

As this will probably be the last opportunity we shall have, permit us, previously to your leaving the high office you now hold, to express our approbation of the care you have manifested for the public welfare, and to wish you health and happiness in your retirement.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Udree be a committee, to present the same to the Governor.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, December 18th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred, the 13th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Greene, praying that Dunkard creek be declared a public highway, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a "public highway," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 15th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland county, praying for a new election district, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having duly considered the premises therein to them submitted, they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Frailey, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration and report a plan for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " An Act to alter the place for holding elections in Greene district, in the county of Greene," together with the amendment, postponed on Saturday last.

And the amendment recurring,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Keys, and seconded by Mr. Strickler,

To amend the bill, by adding thereto the following section, viz.

" SECT. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the townships of Donegal and Montjoy, forming the third district in the county aforesaid, shall hold their general elections at the house of Alexander Boggs, formerly occupied by John Wolfley, near Elizabethtown, in the township of Donegal aforesaid, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to change the places of holding certain elections in the counties of Greene and Lancaster, and for the erection of a separate election district in the said county of Lancaster," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the remainder of the report of the committee appointed the 6th instant, to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, postponed the 8th instant.

And

And the bill, entitled " An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth," recurring,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the Governor to let or lease the public buildings on Ninth-street," be postponed for the present.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the abolition of slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Linnard, Mr. Preston, Mr. Keys, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hostetter, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Cunningham, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act supplementary to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," be referred to Mr. Seckel, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Mewhorter, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to render the punishment for the crime of horse-stealing more certain," be referred to Mr. Hannum, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Williamson and Mr. McDowell, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the prevention of usury," be referred to Mr. Stocker, Mr. Linnard, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Welles, Mr. Power, Mr. Forster and Mr. Huston, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen," be referred to Mr. Worrell, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Coolbaugh, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other water-works," be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant, on that part of the Governor's Address which relates to the powers of the said Courts, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled, " An Act to declare Frankford creek and Tackony creek public highways," be referred to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Frederick Speck to erect a wing-dam on Conedogwinet creek, in the county of Cumberland," be referred to the Members from the county of Cumberland, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to declare Smithfield and Lizard creeks, in the county of Northampton, public highways," be postponed.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny," be referred to Mr. Weaver, Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Lyle, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Frederick Leather, " his heirs and assigns, to maintain a dam across Bald-Eagle creek, in the " county of Mifflin," be postponed for the present.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for regulating the fisheries in " the river Susquehanna, and its branches, and the river Juniata, and the " branches thereof," be referred to the committee, to whom were referred the 15th instant the petitions from the county of Mifflin on that subject, to report thereon; and that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Keys be added to the said committee.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to declare Fishing creek, in " the county of Northumberland, a public highway," be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Fulmer, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise John Canan to " erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of Juniata river," be referred Mr. Blair, Mr. Miller and Mr. Raum, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to establish a ferry over the " Juniata river, opposite Mifflinsburgh, in the county of Mifflin, and vest- " ing the right in James Taylor and James Sanderfon, their heirs and as- " signs," be referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Power, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing and building " a bridge across the Youghiogeny river," be referred Mr. Wright, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Rugh, Mr. Huston and Mr. Cunningham, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of Jonathan " Bayard Smith and Peter Wykoff," be postponed.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of certain per- " sons having grants of lands from this commonwealth, which are without " the limits of this State," be postponed.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the fe- " veral reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, War- " ren, Waterford and Beaver," be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boileau and Mr. Shoemaker, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act extending the time of pay- " ment for certain town and out-lots in and near the towns of Erie, War- " ren, Waterford and Franklin, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be referred to the committee of ways and means, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period here- " tofore allowed for applications for donation lands," be referred to Mr. Penrose, Mr. Forster and Mr. Campbell, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for defraying the " expence of surveying sundry tracts of land, heretofore granted to Corn- " planter, a Chief of the Seneca nation," be postponed.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of Hannah " Lewis," be referred to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Albright, to report thereon.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the bill, intituled “ An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth,” be referred to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Speer, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, intituled “ An Act to compensate the heirs and devisees of John Rankin, late of York county, deceased,” be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, intituled “ An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainder over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be referred to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, intituled “ An Act granting a further sum of money for improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be referred to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Bull, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Rose, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Hartzell, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, intituled “ An Act to provide for the immediate erection of a house of employment, and for the support of the poor, in the county of Delaware, and to render the maintaining of the poor thereof a county charge,” be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Ingels, Mr. Hannum and Mr. Kirk, to report thereon.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 19th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Van Horne presented a petition from Robert Smith, Joseph Smith, and Joseph Kinsey, praying leave to erect a wing-dam in Delaware river, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The petition from a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland county, praying for a pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road over the Broad mountain, read in the late House March 15th last, was taken from the files by Mr. Snyder, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the improvement of roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The petition from the Judges, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the county of Somerset, praying that the seat of justice of the said county may

may be removed, read in the late House February 13th last, was taken from the files by Mr. Miller, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An Act to change the places of holding certain elections in the counties of Greene and Lancaster, and for the erection of a separate election district in the said county of Lancaster," was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House proceeded in the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act supplementary to the act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of apprentices," be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Strickler, Mr. Krause and Mr. Turner, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation," be referred to Mr. Watson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brown, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Williamson, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark," be referred to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act supplementary to the act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Conewago Canal Company," be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keys and Mr. Power, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to the school near the Rising-Sun Tavern, on the Germantown road," be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address to both Houses of the Legislature, which relates to the establishment of schools throughout this commonwealth, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act to enable the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania to vacate the seats of such of their members, who do not attend the meetings of their board," be referred to the Members from the city of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act to grant a sum of money to the trustees of Dickinson College," be postponed for the present.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act for the further endowment of Dickinson College, in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland

“ thumberland Academy,” be refered to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor’s Address, which relates to the establishment of schools throughout this commonwealth, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased,” be refered to the committee of claims, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act to erect a separate election district, and to change the place for holding the general elections in the third district in the county of Lancaster,” be postponed.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session,” be refered to Mr. Hall, Mr. Seckel and Mr. Ingels, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act for the erecting of certain election districts in Northumberland and Allegheny counties,” be postponed.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act erecting part of Washington county into a separate election district,” be refered to the Members from the counties of Washington and Greene, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act for erecting a separate election district in the county of Berks,” be postponed.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act to authorise the commissioners of Northampton county to assess and collect a tax on all unseated lands within the said county, for the purposes therein mentioned,” be postponed for the present.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act to authorise the commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of the said county,” be refered to Mr. Linnard, Mr. Preston, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Bull and Mr. Stover, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” be refered to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act to authorise the clerk of the several markets in the township of the Northern-Liberties to regulate the weights and measures used within the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be refered to the last named committee, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ A further Supplement to an act, entituled “ An Act more effectually to prevent unfair practices in the packing of beef and pork for exportation, and to regulate the exportation of flaxseed, butter and biscuit, in kegs,” be refered to the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entituled “ An Act supplementary to an act, entituled “ An Act to ascertain parts of lines between the counties of

“ Berks, Northampton, Northumberland and Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be referred to the Members from the counties of Berks, Northampton, Northumberland and Luzerne,” to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John, in West-Cain, in the county of Chester,” be referred to Mr. Buckley, Mr. Keys, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Hannum, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act directing the mode of distributing the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth,” be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Hostetter, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Lyle, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the Commissioners of Huntingdon county to compensate Benjamin Elliott for certain services,” be referred to the Members from the counties of Mifflin and Huntingdon, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof,” be referred to Mr. Seckel, Mr. Preston and Mr. Palmer, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, into a separate county,” be postponed for the present.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act for erecting the town of Northumberland, in the county of Northumberland, into a borough, for regulating the buildings, and preventing nuisances and encroachments on the squares, streets, lanes and alleys of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be postponed for the present.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act supplementary to the act, entitled “ An Act to extend the powers of the Commissioners of Huntingdon county to assess and levy a further sum, for erecting and compleating the public buildings, and to grant a loan to the Trustees of the same,” be referred to the Members from the counties of Mifflin and Huntingdon, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in compleating three bridges in Bedford county,” be postponed for the present.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act for erecting the town of Chambersburgh, in the county of Franklin, into a borough, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be postponed for the present.

*Ordered,* That the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect the town of Greenesburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough,” be referred to the Members from the county of Westmoreland, to report thereon.

*Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, " a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying " the expences of erecting a parsonage house, and repairing of certain " churches, in the county of Montgomery," be referred to the Members from Montgomery county, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, " the sum of six hundred dollars, for the purpose of repairing the State " road between the towns of Straßburgh and Fannetsburgh, in the county " of Franklin," be referred to the Members from the counties of Bedford and Franklin, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of the representatives of Matthias Heifs," be referred to the committee of claims, to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Turner,

*Ordered*, That the said report be amended, by adding thereto the following item, viz.

" Bill to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate and endow an " academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes " therein mentioned," be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the establishment of schools throughout this commonwealth, to report thereon.

Andrew Dunlop, Esquire, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred, the 15th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Beaver township, in the county of Northumberland, praying for a new election district, read yesterday, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the " whole House, in order to take the same into consideration ?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of York county, resident adjoining or near the manor of Maske, read the 15th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of York, to report thereon.

The motion made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Frailey, relative to the monies due on unpatented lands, and read yesterday, was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Horne, Mr. Turner, Mr. Brooke, Mr. M'Dowell and Mr. Harris be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, seconded by Mr. Stover, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on that part of the Governor's Address to both Houses, relative to certain city lots and the public building in Ninth-street, the property of this State, and to report thereon.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, December 20th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Alexander Scott, Esquire, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Londonderry, in the county of Bedford, praying that the said township may be annexed to the county of Somerset, read in the late House February 13th last, was taken from the files by Mr. Miller, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Blair, Mr. Rugb and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 18th instant, the bill, entitled " An Act to declare Frankford creek and Tackony creek public highways," reported a bill, entitled " An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the bill, entitled " An Act to erect the town of Greenesburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 10th instant, the bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 28th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I have the honour to present to the House of Representatives, for concurrence, a bill, entitled "An Act to facilitate the barring of entails."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to facilitate the barring of entails," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 1st day of January next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 18th instant, the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of Juniata river," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, the 29th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee appointed the 13th instant, to draught and report to this House a respectful Address to the President of the United States.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the same, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, and by special order, the said report was read the second time,

And, having been fully considered by paragraphs, adopted, as follows, viz.

To JOHN ADAMS, PRESIDENT *of the* UNITED STATES.

SIR,

**A**T this momentous crisis of our public affairs, the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, at an early period of their session, beg leave to express the high sense they entertain of your conduct, as Chief Magistrate of the United States, in support of the honour and independence of this country.

We have viewed, with anxious solicitude, the wild projects of dominion, which have been displayed on the theatre of Europe. We have seen, that even that theatre is too small for the unlimited ambition of the rulers of the French people;—that the Atlantic itself gives no bounds to their projects of subjugation;—and that the United States of America are threatened. Threatened, Sir, not so much with open hostility, or an immediate and bold division of their territory, as with a division, by means of a dark and insidious policy, of the people from the government of their choice, and from the men, on whom the ponderous weight of administration rests. The vilest arts of political seduction have been triumphantly employed in various governments, and especially in those of republican form. The endearing language of sister has been uttered, in the moment of a deadly embrace. That you, Sir, have been constantly aware of the effects of this policy, and have, with an uniform dignity, provided against them, and for the public safety, so far as your constitutional powers permitted, must be highly gratifying to the patriotic pride of every independent mind.

That in this Address we speak the sentiments of the great body of our constituents, as well as our own, warms our hearts in the expression of that important truth. Yet we deplore that there are those, who call themselves by the American name, who have daringly insulted our country, by an usurpation of powers not delegated to them, and by an obscure interference in our external concerns. That you have lately noticed this circumstance, is an additional proof of your vigilance for the general welfare.

On this subject it remains for us to say, that as, notwithstanding your liberal policy, negotiation has failed, we pledge ourselves in a solemn manner, as far as our constitutional powers extend, to co-operate with the general government, in averting all foreign influence, and detecting domestic intrigue.

With sincere and earnest wishes for your health—that your care for the public good may continue, and, with it, the confidence of the citizens of the United States—the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania have voted this Address.

On the question,—“*Shall the said Address be transcribed, and presented to the President of the United States?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Stocker, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Blair,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Buckley,  
Bull,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hannum,  
Hemphill,  
Hopkins,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hostetter,  
Hendricks,  
Kennedy,  
Keppele,  
Kelly,  
Keys,  
Kirk,  
Krause,  
M'Pherson,  
Miller,  
Power,  
Palmer,  
Preston,  
Raum,  
Rugh,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Strickler,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Welles,  
Wilson,  
Williamson. 46.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Cunningham,  
Eyre,  
Frailey,  
Fulmer,  
Horn,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Weaver. 23.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker, attended by the Members of the House, present the same.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hemphill be a committee to wait on the President, to know at what time he will be pleased to receive the said Address.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " An Act to change the places of holding certain elections in the counties of Greene and Lancaster, and for the erection of a " separate election district in the said county of Lancaster ;" and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives had adopted the rules for conducting business between the two Houses, as reported by their committee, with an amendment.

Mr. Krause asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days.

Mr. Kirk asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Mr. Raum asked and obtained leave of absence for two weeks.

Mr. Horne asked and obtained leave of absence for five days.

Mr. Ingels asked and obtained leave of absence for two days.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y,

F R I D A Y, December 21st, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppeler presented a petition from Peter Wikoff and Jonathan Bayard Smith, stating, that they have paid money into the Treasury for lands which they never received, and praying relief, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed yesterday, to wait on the President of the United States, to know at what time it will be most convenient to him to receive the Address of this House, reported they had performed that service, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the same to-day, at twelve o'clock.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to divide the sixth election district in Northumberland county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

Ordered, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed to examine the Journal and files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, made a further report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

1. Report on the petition of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office.
2. Report on unsatisfied warrants.
3. Report on the petition of Anthony Wright, praying compensation for proving gun-powder.
4. Report on the memorial of the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital.
5. Report of a committee on the report of a committee made on petitions from the inhabitants of Chester, Lancaster, York and Northampton counties, praying for an abatement of interest on unpatented lands.
6. Report on petitions from Lycoming county, praying an extension of the north one degree west line from the mouth of Nescopeck creek to the northern boundary of the State.
7. Report of a committee on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the Wyoming controversy.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for donation lands," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

Ordered, That Saturday, the 29th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

A letter

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed John Donaldson, Comptroller-General, stating, that further progress hath been made in the settlement of the accounts of the late Comptroller-General and Treasurers, and submitting a plan for the settlement of the claims for donation lands, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed Samuel Bryan, Register-General, stating, that further progress hath been made in the settlement of the accounts of the late Comptroller-General and Treasurers, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon," was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

Line 9, strike out "*freemen*," and insert "*electors*," in place thereof.

Line 15, strike out "*freemen*," and insert "*electors*," in place thereof.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. M'Pherson,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure a sufficient quantity of carpeting to cover the floor of this Chamber, and order that it be properly arranged and laid.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, entitled "An Act to divide the first election district in the county of Northampton," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, in order to take the same into consideration?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of that part of the report of the committee, appointed to report rules for the government of the House, postponed the 14th instant.

And the twelfth rule being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the amendment to the nineteenth rule being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative, and the rule adopted.

The Speaker, attended by the Members of the House, proceeded to the residence of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the Address agreed to yesterday, to which the President returned the following answer, viz.

*To the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the STATE OF  
PENNSYLVANIA.*

GENTLEMEN,

**I** RECEIVE the honour of this Address from the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, expressive of their approbation of my conduct, as Chief Magistrate of the United States, in support of the honour and independence of this country, with more than common gratitude, and peculiar sensibility.

The passion of ambition is in its nature unlimited. The late wild projects suggested by it, on the theatre of Europe, are not new. The French nation, from their numbers, their situation, their resources, their bravery, activity, ingenuity and enterprize, have been peculiarly subject to paroxysms of this distemper of the human mind. The spirit of conquest, which has often seized on this people, has, however, never taken possession of them, without making work for severe repentance—without involving France in extravagant exertions and expences, both of blood and treasure, which have exhausted it to such a degree, as to require sometimes whole centuries of languor and lassitude, before they could recover their true station in the world.

There has not been a sound mind in France, which has not always regretted and lamented this foible in his countrymen. Nor do I believe there is a Frenchman in the world at this day, who is really and truly enlightened with the knowledge of the true interest and honour of his country, who does not bewail the infatuation, which is producing temporary calamities to other nations, and must produce more lasting misfortunes to France.

The insidious and malevolent policy of dividing people and nations from their government is not original: The French have not the credit even of the invention of it. It is borrowed from the great nation of Persia, who were taught it by the little Republic of Sparta, after she was debauched and corrupted. France ought to be ashamed of it, and the world ought to make her repent of her servile imitation.

Candour must own that our country lies under a reproach, which it concerns the nation to correct. It is that of producing individuals, who are capable, not only of dark interferences, by usurpation, in our external concerns, but also capable of forgetting or renouncing their principles, and feelings, and habits, in a foreign country, and becoming enemies to their own. The disgraceful observation has been made, and with too much appearance of truth, that there are more Americans than there are of any other nation, who change their minds when they change their skies. Scandalous and criminal proofs of this are heard and read almost every day. Whether this is owing to a want of national character, or a want of criminal laws, a remedy ought to be sought.

The solemn pledge you give to co-operate with the general government, in averting all foreign influence and detecting domestic intrigue, is very important to the common welfare of our country, and will give great satisfaction to the Union.

I return,



I return, Gentlemen, with great pleasure, my sincere and earnest wishes for your health, and that your care for the public good may continue, as I doubt not it will, and, with it, the confidence of the citizens of Pennsylvania in particular; and the Union in general.

J O H N A D A M S.

*Philadelphia, December 21, 1798.*

The Speaker and Members then returned to their Chamber.

Mr. Brown asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Mr. Strickler asked and obtained leave of absence for four days.

Mr. Buckley asked and obtained leave of absence for next week.

Mr. Bull asked and obtained leave of absence until Thursday next.

Mr. Taylor asked and obtained leave of absence for three days.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, December 22d, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Weaver presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying for pecuniary aid in opening a road from Waynesburgh to the State line, in a direction to the town of Wheeling, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition from Andrew Boyd, Treasurer of Chester county, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a certain sum of money, which he alleges he hath paid into the State Treasury, but hath not received a credit therefor on the books of the Treasurer, and the receipts are lost, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Wharton presented a memorial from the President, Managers and Company of the Delaware and Schuylkill canal navigation, praying that the Legislature may grant the duties on sales at auction, and the house built for the President of the United States, and lots thereunto attached, or part of their stock in the Bank of Pennsylvania, to aid in completing the said Delaware and Schuylkill canal, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the health of the city, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act authorizing Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 31st instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An Act to divide the first election district in the county of Northampton," was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of the Laws of this Commonwealth, for public use."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Keppele,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this commonwealth be, and he is, required to furnish this House with an account of the number of copies of the Laws of this State, and of the United States, the property of this State, designating the same by volumes and editions; and that the Secretary be requested to report to the House the number of copies, private property, which may be conveniently purchased.

The petition of Robert Smith, Joseph Smith and Joseph Kinsey, praying leave to erect a wing-dam in Delaware river, read the 19th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the counties of Bucks and Northampton, to report thereon.

The petition of John Ewing, read the 13th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the Wyoming controversy, to report thereon.

Mr. M'Pherson asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days from Monday next.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Wednesday next, P. M.

W E D N E S D A Y,

W E D N E S D A Y, December 26th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The return of the election held in the county of Bedford was read, by which it appeared that Hugh Barclay and Charles Stewart, Esquires, were returned Representatives of the said county for the ensuing year.

The return of the election held in the county of Philadelphia, in pursuance of a writ from the Speaker of this House, was read, by which it appeared that George Logan, Esquire, was returned a Representative of the said county, in the place of John Huston, for the ensuing year.

Hugh Barclay, Charles Stewart, and George Logan, Esquires, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths or affirmations, in conformity to the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, praying a revision and amendment of the health laws, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears, by statements presented to your committee, that notwithstanding the unexampled liberality of the citizens of this and other states, it was found a measure of necessity to borrow, on the credit of individuals, the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars, for the re-imbursment of which, with interest, the said individuals stand bound to the several Banks.

Your committee need not comment on the deplorable situation of the city and its vicinity at the time, or the accumulation of distress, which, but for this timely aid, would have been the unhappy portion of the citizens; but fully relying on the humanity and liberality of the House, they offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorizing the Governor to draw a warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, for the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars, and for such additional sum as the interest on said sum may amount to on the day of drawing said warrant. The amount of said warrant to be by them applied in discharge of the debts contracted with the Banks by individuals, as aforesaid.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed the 10th instant, to examine and report what laws will expire by their own limitation, during the present session, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That there are but two laws, which will expire the present session, namely,

“ An Act to continue for a longer period, “ An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

“ An Act to continue in force the act, entitled “ An Act to reform the penal laws of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

And the committee are of opinion that the welfare of the commonwealth requires the continuation of the above mentioned acts, and submit the following resolutions, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a bill, to continue for a longer period "An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, to continue in force the act, entitled "An Act to reform the penal laws of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed A. J. Dallas, Secretary of this commonwealth, inclosing a Schedule, specifying the number of copies of the laws of this state, and the United States, the property of this State, was read, as follows, viz.

*Secretary's-Office, Philadelphia, 26th December, 1798.*

S I R,

IN obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives, passed the 22d instant, I have the honour to transmit a Schedule, specifying the number of copies of the Laws of this State, and of the United States, the property of this State, designating the same by volumes and editions; and the number of copies, private property, which may be purchased.

I have the honour to be, with great esteem,

S I R,

*Your most obedient servant,*

A. J. DALLAS,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

To CADWALADER EVANS, Esquire, Speaker  
of the House of Representatives.

SCHEDULE, specifying the number of copies of the Laws of this State, and of the United States, the property of this State, designating the same by volumes and editions; and the number of copies, private property, which may be purchased.

I. Copies of the last edition of the Laws of Pennsylvania, belonging to the State.

Of the first volume	-	-	32
Of the second ditto	-	-	66
Of the third ditto	-	-	none.

II. Copies of the first edition of the Laws of Congress, belonging to the State.

Of the first volume	-	-	none.
Of the second ditto	-	-	none.
Of the third ditto	-	-	78

III. Copies

III. Copies of the second edition of the Laws of Congress, received from the United States, belonging to this State.

Of the first volume	-	-	-	33 <sup>1</sup>
Of the second ditto	-	-	-	33 <sup>1</sup>
Of the third ditto	-	-	-	33 <sup>1</sup>

IV. Copies of the last edition of the Laws of the State, that may be purchased.

Of the first and second volumes, about 200

A. J. D A L L A S, *Secretary.*

*Secretary's-Office, Philadelphia,*  
26th December, 1798.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled “ An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of “ Greene, a public highway,” was read the second time.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,  
*Ordered,* That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to declare Frank-  
“ ford creek a public highway.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, without amendment.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, December 27th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act to au-  
“ thorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by  
“ toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State  
“ road of said county,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Friday, January the 4th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed the 14th instant, to take into consideration the act of insolvency, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled “ A  
“ Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act providing that the person of  
“ a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt, after delivering up  
“ his

“ his estate for the benefit of his creditors, unless he hath been guilty of fraud or embezzlement,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the purchase of the Laws of this Commonwealth, for public use.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report (in part) of the committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, read the 15th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petition of James Millegan and Hugh Lenox be referred to the committee of claims, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petition of John Hazlewood be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions for the removal of the seat of justice in Lycoming county be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Power, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Horne and Mr. Wilson, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions for the suppression of vice and immorality, and vain sports, be referred to the committee already appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions for restoring the jurisdiction of the Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, and Orphans’ Courts, to the Justices of the Peace, and allowing them compensation for their attendance, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor’s Address, alluding to the judiciary system of the state, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions for a division of York county be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Forster and Mr. McDowell, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions of Peter Frank and John Evans be referred to Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Preston and Mr. Rose, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on marriage and tavern licences be referred to Mr. Ingels, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Barclay, Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Harris and Mr. Hostetter, to report thereon.

Agreeably

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled "An Act to divide the first election district in the county of Northampton;" that he had returned the bill, entitled "An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon," and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives had passed the same, with amendments, to which they requested the concurrence of the Senate.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, December 28th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred, the 22d instant, the petition of Robert Smith, Joseph Smith, and Joseph Kinsey, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the premises into consideration, and are of opinion that the wing-dam proposed to be erected may be so constructed, as to benefit the navigation; provided there is a sufficient gap left in the Cut-bitch channel for rafts and boats to pass, and buoys placed for a guide down the Tumbling-dam channel: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to enable the petitioners to erect a wing-dam in the Cut-bitch channel in the river Delaware, so as not to interrupt the navigation thereof.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed the 15th instant, on that part of the Governor's Address relative to the establishment of public schools throughout this commonwealth, and to whom were referred the memorial and petition of the trustees of the academy and library of the town of Cannonsburgh, in the county of Washington, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the memorial under consideration, and are of opinion the subject matter is worthy the attention of the Legislature: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the memorialists.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Members from the counties of Washington and Greene be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee, to whom was refered the bill, entituled " An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, January 8th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entituled " An Act declaring Dunkard Creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entituled " An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The report of the committee, to whom was refered the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, read the 26th instant, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be refered to the committee of ways and means, to report thereon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, January 4th next, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entituled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entituled " An Act to divide the sixth election district in Northumberland county," was read the second time.

On the question,—*" Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, in order to take the same into consideration ?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Mallock the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR.



“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present to the House of Representatives, for concurrence, a bill, entitled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the river Kiskiminetas, on the road leading from Greensburgh to John Finley’s mill, in the county of Westmoreland, and for vesting the right thereof in Peter Clauffe, his heirs and assigns ;” and to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon.”

And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the river Kiskiminetas, on the road leading from Greensburgh to John Finley’s mill, in the county of Westmoreland, and for vesting the right thereof in Peter Clauffe, his heirs and assigns, was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, January 5th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Hopkins asked and obtained leave of absence until Thursday next.

Adjourned until ten o’clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, December 29th, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition from the Directors of the Poor of Chester county, stating, that they have purchased, for the employment and support of the poor of the said county, more land than they deem necessary : They therefore pray to be authorized to sell the surplus of the said purchase, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Chester, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 27th instant, the report on petitions for and against a division of York county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and recommend a division of said county, agreeably to the following lines, viz.

Beginning in the line of Cumberland county, at the road leading from the town of Carlisle to Baltimore, thence along the said road a southerly course, until it strikes the north-easterly corner of Berwick township, thence along the easternmost line of Berwick township, until it strikes the line of Paradise township, thence along the said line westwardly, until it strikes the road leading from Oxford to Hanover-town, and from thence a due south course, until it strikes the Maryland line, thence along the Maryland line to the line of Franklin

Franklin county, thence along the line of Franklin and Cumberland counties to the place of beginning : The committee therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for the division of York county, conformably to the above mentioned lines.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh-meadow, situate on the west side of Derby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, January 12th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act to divide the sixth election district in Northumberland county," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the purchase of the laws of this commonwealth, for public use," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh,

To amend the same, by striking out the words " *one hundred and fifty*," where they first occur, and inserting the words " *two hundred and thirty*," in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

To fill the blank therein with the words " *three thousand five hundred and eighty-one*."

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to provide for the purchase and distribution of the Laws of this commonwealth, and for the distribution of the Laws of the United States, the property of this State," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorize " John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speer asked and obtained leave of absence for two weeks from Monday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.
2. An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway.

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, December 31st, 1798. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the members of the Presbyterian congregation of Mifflin-town and its vicinity, praying that they may be authorized to raise, by lottery, two thousand dollars, to be applied in completing the house intended for public worship in the said town, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Blair, Mr. Snyder and Mr. McDowell, to report thereon.

Mr. Huston presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Mannallin township, in the county of Fayette, praying that the said township be annexed to the district of Union, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Huston and Mr. Rugh, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition from the directors of the poor of Chester county, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection " of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of " Chester and Lancaster," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the same, by inserting, in line 2, between the words "*chosen*" and "*shall*," the words, "*or a majority of them.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, and seconded by Mr. Boileau, further to amend the said section, by striking out the word "*such*," in line 13, and inserting in line 14, between the words "*them*" and "*until*," the words, "*in any one year to exceed one cent in the dollar on the valuation of taxable property, taken from the last assessment.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The seventh section being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorize John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Brooke,

That the following be an additional section,

"SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, shall not proceed to carry on the said work within one year after the passing of this act, or shall not within three years compleat the same, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then, and in either of those cases, all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises, hereby granted to the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, shall revert to this commonwealth."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Worrell,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

"SECT. V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whensoever at any time after the erecting and building of the said bridge, it shall

shall seem expedient to the Legislature to constitute and make the said bridge so erected and built a free bridge, by a law to be enacted for that purpose, then the Court of Quarter Sessions, together with the commissioners of the county of Huntingdon, shall estimate what sum or sums of money the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, shall be entitled to receive, as a compensation for his trouble and expences in building and maintaining the said bridge, taking, as the basis of their estimate, the sum actually expended, and an annual interest of *per cent. thereon.*"

A motion was then made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Preston, To fill the blank in the said section with the word "*twelve.*"

And the same being under consideration,

A motion was then made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Ingels, To postpone the further consideration of the said bill and amendment for the present.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to postpone?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kennedy reported the bill, without amendment.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barclay and Mr. Hufton be added to the committee, to whom was referred, the 19th instant, the petition of the Judges, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Somerset county, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be removed.

The further report (in part) of the committee appointed to examine the Journal and files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, read the 21st instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petition of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, be referred to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Strickler, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lyle and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on unsatisfied warrants be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to unsatisfied warrants, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petition of Anthony Wright, praying compensation for proving gun-powder, be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the report on the memorial of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital be referred to Mr. Stocker, Mr. Logan, Mr. Preston, Mr. Keys, Mr. P'ower, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Snyder, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Stewart, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the report of the committee on petitions from the inhabitants of Chester, Lancaster, York and Northampton counties, praying for an abatement of interest on unpatented lands, be referred to the committee appointed the 19th instant, to take into consideration and report a plan for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions from Lycoming county, praying an extension of the north one degree west line from the mouth of Nescopeck creek to the northern boundary of the state, be referred to Mr. Horne, Mr. Welles, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Udree and Mr. Snyder, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the Wyoming controversy, be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant on that subject, to report thereon.

The petition of Jonathan B. Smith and Peter Wikoff, read the 21st instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant on unsatisfied warrants, to report thereon.

The motion made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Stover, relative to certain city lots and the public building in Ninth-street, read the 19th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Albright, Mr. Coolbaugh and Mr. Wilson be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the Senate, if that House shall appoint such committee, to examine into the state of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and report thereon.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Wednesday next, P. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 2d, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of Thomas Jones, the only surviving member of the Baptist Church in Cumru township, Berks county, praying leave to sell and convey two certain lots of ground in the said township, which belong to the said Church, except those parts occupied as burying-grounds, for the benefit of  
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the affociation of which the faid Church was a part, which was read April 4th, 1798, was taken from the files by Mr. Frailey, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by fpecial order, the fame was read the fecond time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Frailey, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Wilfon, to report thereon.

The petition of Andrew Boyd, praying the exoneration of certain monies, which he ftates were paid into the hands of David Rittenhouse, Efquire, then Treafurer of the State, and for which he hath not received a credit, read December 22d laft, was read the fecond time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Penrofe, Mr. Prefton, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Forfter and Mr. Barclay, to report thereon.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of Northampton county, praying pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road acrofs the Blue Mountain, at the water-gap of the river Delaware, read December 15th laft, was read the fecond time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of Dauphin county, in favour of Chriftian Bear, read December 11th laft, was read the fecond time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the Members from the county of Dauphin, to report thereon.

The report of the committee, to whom was refered the petition of Joſeph Smith and others, read December 28th laft, was read the fecond time, and the reſolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpoſe expreſſed in the faid reſolution.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, and ſeconded by Mr. Conrad, relative to the Pennsylvania Hospital, read the 31ſt of December laft, was read the fecond time, and the reſolution adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Worrell, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Albright, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Lyle be a committee, for the purpoſe expreſſed in the faid reſolution.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the purchaſe and diſtribution  
“ of the laws of this commonwealth, and for the diſtribution of the laws  
“ of the United States, the property of this State,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Reſolved*, That the faid bill paſs, and that it be tranſmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to erect the town of Greenefburgh, in the  
“ county of Weſtmoreland, into a borough,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of entails."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barclay and Mr. Huston be added to the committee, to whom was referred, December 20th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Londonderry township, Bedford county, praying that the said township be annexed to the county of Somerset.

The House resumed the consideration of that part of the report of the committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, which relates to the bill, entitled " An Act for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, into a separate county," and the bill, entitled " An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in compleating three bridges in Bedford county."

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon into a separate county," be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Harris, Mr. Blair, Mr. Welles and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled " An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in compleating three bridges in Bedford county," be referred to Mr. Barclay, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Power, Mr. Rugh and Mr. McDowell, to report thereon.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, January 3d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with a committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled " An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr.



Mr. Huston presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Wharton township, Fayette county, praying to be erected into a separate election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Huston, and Mr. Rugh, to report thereon.

The committee appointed the 14th December last, to examine the laws of this commonwealth, relative to the powers of the Justices of the Peace, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, " entitled " An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in " this State," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and " assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny " river, in the county of Allegheny," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of " entails," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the second section of the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 17 the words, " *all person* " *and*," and to introduce, in place thereof, the words, " *any person or.*"

On the question,—*" Will the House agree to the said amendment?"*

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report of the committee appointed to examine and report what laws will expire, by their own limitation, during the present session, read December 26th last, was read the second time,

And the first resolution therein contained was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Watson, Mr. Bull and Mr. Conrad be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The second resolution was postponed for the present.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, " entitled " An Act providing that the person of a debtor shall not be " liable to imprisonment for debt, after delivering up his estate for the be- " nefit

“nefit of his creditors, unlefs he hath been guilty of fraud and embezzlement.”

After fome time,

The Speaker refumed the Chair, and Mr. Prefton reported the bill, without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Houfe refolved itfelf into a committee of the whole Houfe, on the bill, entitled “A Supplement to an act, entitled “An Act to provide for the erection of houfes for the employment and fupport of the poor in the counties of Chefter and Lancafter.”

After fome time,

The Speaker refumed the Chair, and Mr. Prefton reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Houfe refolved itfelf into a committee of the whole Houfe, on the bill, entitled “An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for donation lands.”

After fome time,

The Speaker refumed the Chair, and Mr. Welles reported progreff.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, feconded by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the faid bill be re-committed, and that Mr. Frailey and Mr. Power be added to the committee.

The Houfe refumed the confideration of the bill, entitled “An Act to authorife John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankftown branch of the Juniata river,” together with the additional fection propofed thereto, and the motion to fill the blank, poftponed the 31ft of December laft.

And the motion to fill the blank recurring,

On the queftion—“*Will the Houfe agree to the fame?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the fection being under confideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and feconded by Mr. Blair,

To amend the fame, by adding thereto the following words, viz. “*which fum or fums of money fhall be paid to the faid John Canan, his heirs or af- figns, by the Treafurer of this commonwealth, out of the money appropriated for the expences of government, by a warrant to be drawn and figned by the Governor for that purpofe.*”

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and feconded by Mr. Frailey,

To amend the amendment to the amendment, by ftriking out all that follows the word “*Treafurer,*” and adding the words, “*of the county of Huntingdon, upon warrants drawn by the Commiffioners of that county.*”

A motion was then made by Mr. Boileau, and feconded by Mr. Horne,

To

To postpone the further consideration of the said proposed section, together with the amendment thereto, and the amendment to the amendment, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

“ SECT. V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever the commissioners of the said county shall think proper that the said bridge should become free, then the commissioners of the said county, together with three persons chosen by the said John Canan, his heirs or assigns, shall proceed to estimate the value of the property, which the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, have in the said bridge, and the sum agreed on by a majority of them shall be laid before the next Court of Quarter Sessions; and if the Court approve the same, then the said Commissioners shall draw a warrant in favour of the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, on the treasury of the said county, for the amount of the said sum, and the said bridge shall be a free bridge.”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said substitute?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, and seconded by Mr. Blair,

To amend the bill, by adding thereto the following, viz.

“ SECT. VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said John Canan, his heirs and assigns, shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good and perfect order and repair for the space of five days, and information thereof shall be given to any Justice of the Peace of the county, such Justice shall issue his precept, directed to any Constable, commanding him to summon three judicious freeholders to meet at a certain time, in the said precept to be mentioned, at the said bridge, of which said meeting notice shall be given to the said John Canan, his heirs or assigns; and the said Justice shall at such time and place, by the oaths or affirmations of the said freeholders, enquire whether the said bridge is in such good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid; and if the said bridge shall be found by the said inquisition to be out of order and repair, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, he shall certify the same, and send a copy of the inquisition to the said John Canan, his heirs or assigns, and from thenceforth the said tolls, hereby granted, shall cease to be demanded, paid or collected, until the said defective part or parts of the said bridge shall be put in good and perfect order and repair, as aforesaid.”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

To re-consider the first section of the said bill.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to re-consider?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

To amend the first section, by striking out from line 16 to line 29, inclusive, and inserting, in place thereof, the following words, viz. “ *ten cents for each horse drawing the same, for every loaded waggon or cart eight cents for each horse drawing the same, for every sleigh or sled six cents for each horse drawing the same, for a single horse and rider seven cents, for every horse five cents, for every foot passenger one cent, for every head of horned cattle two cents, for each sheep or swine at the rate of ten cents for every score; and all carriages which shall be drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen, and partly by horses, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse, in charging all the aforesaid respective tolls; and every mule as equal to one horse.*”

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The preamble being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Boileau,

*Resolved*, That a Member of this House be appointed Teller, to officiate at the election for Treasurer to be held on Tuesday next, and that a minute of such appointment be transmitted to the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Penrose be the Teller for that purpose.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ *An Act to divide the sixth election district in Northumberland county,*” and an extract from the Journal of this House, appointing a committee, to join a committee of the Senate, if that House shall appoint such committee, to examine into the state of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and report thereon.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, January 4th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The return of the election held in the county of Allegheny was read, by which it appeared that James Sample and Samuel Ewalt, Esquires, were returned Representatives of the said county for the ensuing year, who appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Mr.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Northumberland and its vicinity, praying that such pecuniary assistance be given, as will enable the trustees of the Northumberland academy to fulfil completely the purposes of their appointment, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 15th instant, on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the establishment of public schools throughout this State, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland county, praying that aliens may be permitted to purchase and hold lands within this commonwealth, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ewalt presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Allegheny, praying that a new county be erected out of the counties of Allegheny and Westmoreland, according to the boundary given in the said petition, and that Commissioners be appointed to view and determine the situation most eligible for the seat of justice on the Allegheny river, between the mouth of Crooked creek and Limestone run, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Sample, Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Erwin, Mr. A. Scott and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

Mr. Ewalt presented a petition from James Moore, praying to be authorized to hold a fractional part of land on the east side of Beaver creek, and adjoining the town of Beaver, in Allegheny county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Power, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Blair and Mr. Miller, to report thereon.

Mr. Fisher presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Palmyra, Buckingham, Canaan, Mount-pleasant, Damascus and Lackawaxen, in the county of Wayne, and the township of Willingborough, in the county of Luzerne, praying to be erected into a separate county, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Boileau, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, December 18th last, the bill, entitled "An Act granting a further sum of money for improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

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The committee appointed for the purpose, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to grant a sum of money to the trustees of the academy of Cannonburgh, in Washington county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I have the honour to return the bill, entitled " An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway," which the Senate have passed; and to present an Extract from the Journal of the Senate.

And having presented the said bill and extract to the Chair, he withdrew.

The extract from the Senate was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, FRIDAY, January 4th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a Member of the Senate be appointed Teller, to officiate at the election for State Treasurer to be held on Tuesday next, and that a minute of such appointment be transmitted to the House of Representatives. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kean be the Teller for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, *Clerk of the Senate.*

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of entails," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendment, viz.

SECT. II. line 17, strike out the words " *all person and,*" and insert, in place thereof, the words " *any person or.*"

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And

And the first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 10 the words, "*not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres,*" and adding to the section the words, "*provided that the Directors for the county of Chester shall not sell and convey more of their land than one hundred and fifty acres.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "*An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.*"

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Udree asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days.

Mr. Keys asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Mr. Turner asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.

2. An Act to provide for the purchase and distribution of the laws of this commonwealth, and for the distribution of the laws of the United States, the property of this State.

And an extract relative to the appointment of Teller, to officiate at the election for Treasurer, to be held on Tuesday next.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, January 5th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "*An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway,*" and having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. McDowell presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Washington and Allegheny, praying that a new county be

erected out of the said counties, and that the seat of justice be the town of Beaver, in Allegheny county, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Sample, Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Erwin, Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Weaver, Mr. M'Dowell and Mr. Rugh, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from Laughlin M'Cartney, stating, that he is entitled to a tract of land in Luzerne county, by virtue of a right under this state, which land is now in the possession of a certain Mr. Right, whom he has ineffectually endeavoured to dispossess by all the means in his power, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Welles, Mr. Horne, Mr. Raum and Mr. Williamson, to report thereon.

Mr. Boileau presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying pecuniary aid in completing the bridge over Perkioming creek, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Brooke, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Rose and Mr. Hartzell, to report thereon.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition from Samuel Bryson, late a Captain in the army of the United States, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims, to report thereon.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed Peter Baynton, praying to be re-elected Treasurer of this State, was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, December 15th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle and Lower Smithfield, Hamilton and Chestnut-hill, in the county of Northampton, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the premises into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill conformably thereto.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to continue, for an additional period, " An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon,



Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sample, Mr. Hufton and Mr. Barclay be added to the committee on roads and inland navigation ; Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Stewart to the committee of claims, and to the committee of ways and means ; Mr. Sample, Mr. Hufton and Mr. Barclay to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the establishment of public schools throughout this commonwealth ; Mr. Dunlop to the committee on roads and inland navigation ; and Mr. Speer to the committee of ways and means, in place of Mr. J. Scott, who is excused.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an extract from the Journal of that House.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, FRIDAY, January 4th, 1799.

*Ordered*, That the House of Representatives be informed, that the Senate hath concurred the amendment by the House of Representatives on the report of the joint committee of the two Houses, appointed to report a system of rules and regulations to be observed in conducting business between the two Houses, and hath adopted the report, as amended.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Monday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to authorize John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankfort-town branch of the Juniata river.

2. An

2. An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.

That he returned the bill, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of " entails," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they requested the concurrence of the Senate; and presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled " An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntington."

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

M O N D A Y, January 7th, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wharton presented a memorial from a number of the citizens of Philadelphia, praying leave to bring in a bill, to be enacted into a law, for incorporating a company, by the style and title of " The Insurance Company " of Philadelphia," which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members of the city of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from the trustees of Dickinson college, praying aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address, which relates to the establishment of public schools throughout this commonwealth, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from William Tilghman, of the city of Philadelphia, tenant by courtesy of a proportional part of the interest in the residuary estate of William Allen, deceased, praying that an act may be passed, empowering him to sell and convey, in fee-simple, that part of the residue of the estate of the said William Allen, which belongs to him and his daughter, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Worrell, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Coolbaugh, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Edward Evans, of the city of Philadelphia, stating, that in the year 1780 he paid a certain sum of continental money into the Treasury of the State, and praying compensation therefor, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, praying that the Justices of the Peace in each county may be substituted in the room of the Associate Judges, and that the District President, together with the Justices of the Peace in each county, may compose the respective Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, and Orphans' Courts, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the judiciary system of this State, to report thereon.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed John Redman, President of the College of Physicians, accompanying a number of copies of the statement of facts and observations relative to the nature and origin of the pestilential fever, which prevailed in the city in 1793, 1797 and 1798, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 31st of December last, the petition of the Presbyterian congregation of Mifflin-town and its vicinity, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: The committee therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, December 19th last, the bill, entitled "An Act to enable the Commissioners of Huntingdon county to compensate Benjamin Elliot for certain services," made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they conceive a great number of County Treasurers within this commonwealth are in the same situation with Benjamin Elliot, and that the passing a law for compensating each of them, on their particular application, would be wasting the time of the Legislature to no good purpose. The committee are likewise of opinion, that a general law may be passed on the subject, which will do justice to the claim of each individual: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, enabling the Commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to make compensation to their respective County Treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An Act for erecting a Loan-office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars."

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Frailey, on behalf of himself and others, read a protest, containing their reasons of dissent from the Address of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, agreed to December 20th last.

And having presented the same to the Chair,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the protest to the Address to the President of the United States, signed by the minority of this House, ought not to be admitted on the Journal of this House, because it contains extraneous matter, and is indecorous in its language, as applying to the Executive of the United States.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Brooke.

To postpone the further consideration of the said protest and resolution until to-morrow.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone?* ”

It was determined in the negative.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. A. Scott and Mr. Keppele, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.			Y E A S.			Y E A S.		
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Hannum,	Messrs. Stocker,						
Albright,	Hoftetter,	Stover,			Strickler,			
Bull,	Hendricks,	A. Scott,			Stewart,			
Brown,	Keppele,	J. Scott,			Sample,			
Barclay,	Kirk,	Taylor,			Wharton,			
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Watson,			Wright,			
Blair,	Krause,	Welles,			Williamson.	39.		
Campbell,	Miller,							
Erwin,	M'Pherson,							
Fisher,	Power,							
Forster,	Preston,							
Hall,	Raum,							
Hemphill,	Seckel,							
N A Y S.			N A Y S.			N A Y S.		
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Hartzell,	Messrs. Rose,						
Coolbaugh,	Harris,	Rugh,			Shoemaker,			
Cunningham,	Hufston,	Snyder,			Worrell,			
Conrad,	Ingels,	Wilson,			Weaver.	25.		
Eyre,	Linnard,							
Ewalt,	Lyle,							
Frailey,	Mewhorter,							
Follmer,	M'Dowell,							
Horne,	Penrose,							

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hall nominated Peter Baynton, Esquire, as candidate for the office of Treasurer of this state.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, January 8th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying that a law may be passed, fixing certain times for holding Courts of Nisi Prius in the several counties throughout the State, and also appointing the Prothonotary or some other person in each county to be the Clerk of the said Court, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the judiciary system of this State, to report thereon.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed Jared Ingersol, Attorney-General, on the subject of the money due from John Nicholson, late Comptroller-General, was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey, to report thereon.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an Extract from the Journal of that House.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

IN S E N A T E, MONDAY, January 7th, 1799.

*Ordered*, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of entails."

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

The committee to whom was referred, December 13th last, the petition of the ministers and elders forming the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise, reported a bill, entitled " An Act for incorporating the " trustees of the ministers and elders, constituting the general assembly of " the Presbyterian church in the United States of America," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 18th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Members of the Senate are now ready to receive the Members of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate, for the purpose of proceeding to the choice of a State Treasurer for the current year.

And then he withdrew.

The House then adjourned for half an hour, in order that the Members, in conjunction with the Members of the Senate, might, conformably to law, proceed to the election of a State Treasurer.

### E O D E M D I E.

The Members who attended the election having returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Penrose made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the annexed is an exact statement of the votes given at the election of State Treasurer held this day, by which it appears that PETER BAYNTON, Esquire, was unanimously elected Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania for the current year.

### S E N A T E.

#### *Members Names.*

Robert Hare, *Speaker*  
 John Brandon  
 Abraham Carpenter  
 William Chapman  
 Samuel Dale  
 James Ewing  
 Francis Gurney  
 Thomas Johnston  
 John Kean  
 Nicholas Kern  
 Samuel King  
 Christian Lower  
 Samuel Maclay  
 Joseph M'Clellan  
 Benjamin R. Morgan  
 Nathaniel Newlin  
 Samuel Postlethwaite  
 Zebulon Potts  
 Richard Smith  
 Dennis Whelen  
 John Woods

#### *Persons voted for.*

Peter Baynton.  
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

<i>Members Names.</i>	<i>Persons voted for.</i>
Cadwalader Evans, <i>Speaker</i>	Peter Baynton.
Philip Albright	fame.
Thomas Bull	fame.
Jeremiah Brown	fame.
Hugh Barclay	fame.
Benjamin Brooke	fame.
Nathaniel B. Boileau	fame.
John Blair	fame.
Thomas Campbell	fame.
John Coolbaugh	fame.
John Cunningham	fame.
Frederick Conrad	fame.
Manuel Eyre	fame.
Joseph Erwin	fame.
Samuel Ewalt	fame.
Samuel W. Fisher	fame.
Peter Frailey	fame.
Jacob Follmer	fame.
Thomas Forster	fame.
William Hall	fame.
Joseph Hemphill	fame.
James Hannum	fame.
John Hopkins	fame.
Jacob Hostetter	fame.
Abraham Horne	fame.
Jonas Hartzell	fame.
Abraham Hendricks	fame.
James Harris	fame.
Joseph Huston	fame.
George Ingels	fame.
Michael Keppele	fame.
Roger Kirk	fame.
James Kelly	fame.
Thomas Kennedy	fame.
David Krause	fame.
William Linnard	fame.
Aaron Lyle	fame.
George Logan	fame.
Thomas Mewhorter	fame.
Adam Miller	fame.
William M'Pherson	fame.
John M'Dowell	fame.
William Penrose	fame.
James Power	fame.
Jonas Preston	fame.
Moses Palmer	fame.
Michael Rugb	fame.

<i>Members Names.</i>	<i>Persons voted for.</i>
Daniel Rose	Peter Baynton.
Jacob Raum	same.
Lawrence Seckel	same.
John C. Stocker	same.
Ralph Stover	same.
Jacob Strickler	same.
Charles Shoemaker	same.
Charles Stewart	same.
Simon Snyder	same.
John Scott	same.
James Sample	same.
Abiah Taylor	same.
Isaac Van Horne	same.
Kearny Wharton	same.
Isaac Worrell	same.
Isaac Watson	same.
John Wright	same.
James Wilson	same.
Rosewell Welles	same.
Moses Williamson	same.
Isaac Weaver	same.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 9th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horne presented a petition from the trustees of the Union academy, in the borough of Easton, praying for pecuniary aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the institution of public schools, to report thereon.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition from John Morris, late Surgeon of Colonel Armand's legion, in the army of the United States, praying for such donation of land as other officers of the same grade have received, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Strickler, Mr. Raum, Mr. Wright and Mr. Cunningham, to report thereon. The



The committee, to whom was refered the bill, entituled " An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in complearing three bridges in Bedford county," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee, to whom were refered the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Manallin and Wharton, in Fayette county, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entituled " An Act to erect the township of Wharton, in the county of Fayette, into a separate election district, and to annex the township of Manallin, in said county, to the Union election district, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The return of the election held in the county of Lycoming was read, by which it appeared that Richard Martin, Esquire, was returned Representative of the said county for the ensuing year, who appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland county, praying that aliens be permitted to purchase and hold lands within this commonwealth, read the 4th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entituled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an extract from the Journal of that House.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, WEDNESDAY, January 9th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join the committee of the House of Representatives, to examine into the state of the Pennsylvania hospital, and report thereon. And

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Newlin, Mr. Potts, Mr. Kern, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. King, be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide " for the erection of Houses for the employment and support of the poor " in the counties of Chester and Lancaster ;" and to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled " An Act to declare Frankford " creek a public highway."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, January 10th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled " An Act to facilitate the barring of entails," and having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Brooke presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying that a law may be passed, authorising the Commissioners of the said county to demand toll of those who may pass the bridge now building over Perkiomin creek, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 5th instant on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, praying that a change may be made in the Judicature of this State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the judiciary system of the State, to report thereon.

Mr. Stocker presented a petition from the trustees of a school in the village of Pottsgrove, and county of Montgomery, praying pecuniary aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the establishment of public schools throughout this commonwealth, to report thereon.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act to extend " the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State."

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After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act granting a further sum of money for improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county," and that it be the order for that day.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed John Miller, junior, and Henry Drinker, junior, inclosing, for the use of the Members, a number of copies of B. Henry Latrobe's "View of the practicability and means of supplying the city of Philadelphia with wholesome water," was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, January 11th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from Caleb Davis, of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be heard by counsel at the bar of this House, against the bill now pending, entitled "An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh-meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof," which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the militia officers of the county of Wayne, praying an alteration of the militia laws of this State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the militia laws of this State, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Address relative to the robbery of the Bank of Pennsylvania, together with his communications on that subject, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That on the night of August 4th last, some villains entered the Banking-house in Lodge-alley, and made an unsuccessful attempt to force open the doors of the cash vault, and to pick the lock of the iron chest used by the second Teller, but the institution sustained no loss; and as it was apprehended that the attempt would be renewed, and considering the insecurity of the building, and the impossibility of making such repairs to it, as would render it safe to trust the property any longer, the porters were armed, and directed to sleep in the Banking-house, in order to guard against the success of future attempts.

The immediate removal of the Bank to Carpenter's-hall was proposed. Arrangements for that purpose were made with the Land-officers, in whose possession it was. This building, from its construction, and the improvements which had been made to it when in the occupancy of the Bank of the United States, was thought perfectly secure; but previously to the removal, which took place on the Saturday following, a new patent lock was put to the outer door, and two iron doors were fitted to the cash vault, with locks which had been used for the book vault, and which were of a better construction than any which could at that time be procured in the city; the precaution of obliging the porters to sleep in the Bank was continued, and the watchmen were charged to be particularly vigilant.

Two days previous to the late robbery, Nathaniel Potter, one of the porters, who is since dead, was seized with the yellow fever, and no confidential person could be procured to supply his place in the Bank. Thomas Cunningham, the other porter, who is also since dead, slept there alone, and early on the morning of Sunday, the second day of September, Mr. Annesley, the runner, having occasion to go to the Bank, to complete some business which he had left unfinished the evening before, found the back door of the Banking-house open, and looking into the Banking-room, he, to his great surprise, discovered the doors of the cash vault likewise open. He immediately roused the porter, who was asleep up stairs. Cunningham came down, and unlocked the front as well as the inner door of the house; they went into the Banking-room, and found all the window-shutters secured, the back door unbarred, and the doors of the cash vault unlocked.

Mr. Annesley went directly to the residence of the Cashier, about three miles from town, and apprised him of what he had discovered.

A messenger was immediately sent to the President of the Bank, and upon his coming to the city he found the Cashier, with the runner and porter, in the Bank. Upon an examination of the house, it was found that the locks had been opened by false keys, for no injury was done to the wards of any of them, nor was there any appearance of force having been used.

The loss which the institution had sustained was ascertained to consist in bank notes and gold, which were taken out of the cash vault; the amount is one hundred and sixty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-one cents.

Measures were then taken for the further security of the Bank, and employing several persons to search after suspicious persons. A meeting of as many of the Directors as were in the vicinity of the city was called, and the  
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particulars of the loss, and the steps taken in consequence of it, were communicated to them. Early the next morning the circumstances were communicated by the President to the Governor.

It may not be improper here to notice the distressed situation of the city at this period. A pestilential fever raged in every quarter of it, which, no doubt, facilitated the perpetration of the villainy, and by opposing insuperable difficulties to search after those concerned in it, enabled them for a time to elude detection.

Every exertion was made by the officers and Directors of the Bank to discover the perpetrators of this flagrant robbery. Letters were immediately sent to New-York, Wilmington and Baltimore, apprising the different Banks in those cities of the event, and soliciting their aid in detecting the villains. Advertisements were published throughout the United States, cautioning the public against the receipt of the post notes stolen, considerable rewards were offered for the apprehension of those concerned in the robbery, in addition to that of one thousand dollars promised in the Governor's proclamation.

Several persons were arrested upon suspicion, and amongst those is Patrick Lyon, the Smith, who was employed in fitting the iron doors of the cash vault, and without whose privity, it is believed this robbery has not been committed.

After much painful anxiety and unceasing vigilance, on the part of the officers of the Bank, they had the satisfaction to discover the perpetrator of this daring robbery, so that the whole amount of the property stolen has been recovered, except about three thousand two hundred dollars.

One Isaac Davis, a carpenter by trade, had an account open in this Bank; and the first circumstance which excited the suspicions of the President and Cashier against him was a deposit of sixteen hundred dollars. Enquiry was made as to his circumstances and character, which were found to be such as to induce the officers to watch his conduct. On Saturday, the 17th November, just before the Bank closed, he deposited three thousand nine hundred and ten dollars. The suspicions were then increased, and it was thought proper to enquire at the Banks of the United States and of North-America, whether he had accounts open with those institutions, and on Monday morning such information was obtained, as left no doubt that he was the robber.

He was then invited to the house of the Cashier, upon a pretence which excited no apprehension of the views of the officers, and there, partly by threats of an immediate arrest, and partly by promise of an intercession with the Governor for a pardon, a confession of his guilt was extorted from him.

The disclosures made by him criminated only Thomas Cunningham, the late porter, and himself, for he repeatedly declared that they alone were concerned in the robbery. It was before remarked, that Thomas Cunningham slept in the Bank the night the robbery was committed, that he was taken ill of the yellow fever the day after, and died in the course of the week. Davis acknowledged that they had divided the money stolen, and that the deposits he had made in the different Banks were part of his share.

He then gave his checks for the balances of his accounts with them, and immediately after, accompanied by the President and Cashier, went to the house where he lived, when he delivered up to them a large quantity of bank notes.

They then went to the house of the President, where the notes were counted, which, together with the checks, amounted to one hundred and one thousand and forty-four dollars and forty-two cents.

He then assured them that he had returned all he was possessed of, and that the remainder of the property stolen would be found at the house where Cunningham died.

The Cashier then went and informed R. Wharton, Esquire, Mayor of the city, of the fortunate discovery, leaving Davis under the care of the President.

They searched the house described by Davis, but without success.

The Mayor then informed Davis, that unless he made a full disclosure he would commit him to prison, and have his house searched, and by threats and promises an acknowledgment was obtained from him, that he had visited Cunningham the day he was taken ill, and had received from him the remainder of the money stolen, a great part of which he had still secreted.

They then went to Davis's house, and he returned them the additional sum of fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars and eleven cents in gold and in bank notes.

They had then recovered one hundred and fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty-three cents.

Davis also assigned property, which had cost him a short time before eight hundred dollars.

They then left him to his own reflections, and deposited the money in the Bank.

Davis declared that the plan of the robbery originated with Cunningham, who procured the false keys, and that he does not know who made them.

The committee have further to add to this lengthy detail, that in order to secure the balance of the money stolen, the Cashier, on the 21st of November, inclosed a bond and warrant of attorney to J. Davis, drawn in favour of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank, for the sum of three thousand dollars, requesting him to execute the same. This was intended to secure some real estate he held in the county of Delaware.

On the 24th of the same month (November) Benjamin Brannan, Esquire, Associate Judge of Delaware county, and uncle to the said Isaac Davis, called on the Cashier of the Bank, and informed him that he had the bond and warrant of Attorney executed by Davis, which he would deliver to him (the Cashier) on condition of procuring a pardon for the said Davis. This the Cashier declined accepting, being apprehensive that a prior bond and judgment might have been given by him, and upon enquiry he found, that  
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on the 23d, which was the preceding day, the said Benjamin Brannan, Esquire, brought a declaration on a judgment confessed upon a bond, Isaac Davis to his mother Mary Davis, for the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars, dated the 21st November, which was entered the same day.

It appears to the committee that this bond given by Davis to his mother, and the judgment confessed upon it, was for the purpose of defrauding the Bank of the balance of the money stolen, and that the part which Judge Brannan has taken in the business is highly reprehensible, if not criminal.

The committee are of opinion that the President and Cashier of the Bank of Pennsylvania, for their care, vigilance and exertions, in detecting the robber, and recovering the money stolen from the said Bank, deserve the highest commendation.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. A. Scott, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare an address to the Governor, for the removal of Benjamin Brannan, Esquire, from the office of Associate Judge of the county of Delaware.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Bull, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to continue in force for a longer time, "An act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of this commonwealth, and for other purposes."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the report on petitions for and against the division of York county, read December 29th last, was read the second time.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott, To postpone the further consideration thereof until Tuesday next, and that it be the order for that day.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to postpone?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The report of the committee to whom was referred, December 15th last, the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle and Lower-Smithfield, Hamilton and Chesnut-hill, in Northampton county, read the 5th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee to whom was referred, the 31st of December last, the petition of a number of the members of the Presbyterian congrega-

tion of Mifflin-town and its vicinity, read the 7th instant, was read the second time.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Mewhorter, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Rugh,
Bull,	Hofstetter,	Raum,
Buckley,	Horne,	Seckel,
Boileau,	Hartzell,	Stocker,
Blair,	Hendricks,	Stewart,
Campbell,	Harris,	Snyder,
Coolbaugh,	Huston,	J. Scott,
Conrad,	Kennedy,	Van Horne,
Erwin,	Krause,	Worrell,
Follmer,	Miller,	Wilson,
Hall,	Martin,	Welles,
Hemphill,	M'Pherson,	Williamson,
Hannum,	Power,	Weaver. 39.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Keppele,	Messrs. Palmer,
Brown,	Kirk,	Rose,
Brooke,	Kelly,	Stover,
Cunningham,	Linnard,	Strickler,
Eyre,	Lyle,	A. Scott,
Ewalt,	Logan,	Shoemaker,
Fisher,	Mewhorter,	Taylor,
Frailey,	M'Dowell,	Watson,
Forster,	Penrose,	Wright. 29.
Ingels,	Preston,	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR.



“MR. SPEAKER,

“In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present to the House of Representatives, for concurrence, a bill, entitled “An Act to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other water works;” and to return the bill, entitled “An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair; he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river,” to wit.

SECT. I. line 17, next after the word “*cart*,” insert the words, “*ten cents, and for every empty waggon or cart*;” line 19, strike out the word “*five*,” and in place thereof insert the word “*six*.”

SECT. II. strike out the section.

SECT. IV. line 8, strike out the words, “*shall revert to*,” and in place thereof insert “*may be reserved by*.”

SECT. V. line 2, next after the word “*whenever*,” insert the words, “*the Grand Jury, in concurrence with*;” line 12, next after the word “*and*,” insert the words, “*on payment or tender thereof*.” At the end of the section insert, “*but if the said John Canan, his heirs or assigns, shall at any time, on reasonable notice, refuse or neglect to choose three persons in the manner herein before mentioned, the said Commissioners may proceed ex parte in making the valuation, and the same proceedings shall be thereupon had, as if the said John Canan, his heirs or assigns, had chosen three persons in the manner herein before mentioned*.”

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “An Act to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other water works,” was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled “An Act to facilitate the barring of entails.”

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

SATURDAY,

S A T U R D A Y, January 13th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Barclay presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Bedford county, praying that a law may be passed, fixing certain times for holding Courts of Nisi Prius in the several counties throughout the State, and also appointing the Prothonotary or some other person in each county to be the Clerk of said court, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the judiciary system of the State, to report thereon.

Mr. Miller presented a petition from the Grand Jury of the county of Somerset, of a similar tenor, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the before mentioned committee, to report thereon.

The committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, made a further report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

" A bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to ascertain parts of lines between the counties of Berks, Northampton, Northumberland and Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

" A petition from Bucks county, respecting the inspection of rye meal and Indian corn meal."

" Report of a committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Washington and Allegheney counties, praying that a new county may be erected."

" Report of a committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Huntington, Somerset and Westmoreland counties, praying that the road from Frankstown to Ligonier valley may be altered."

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 10th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, on the subject of the Perkiomin bridge, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

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The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. A. Scott, and read yesterday, was read the second time.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to prepare specific charges against Benjamin Brannan, Esquire, one of the Associate Judges for the county of Delaware, to be grounded on such testimony as may be offered to them, and make a report as soon as possible; and that the Speaker be requested, as soon as such report shall be made, to issue a notification to Benjamin Brannan, Esquire, accompanied by a copy of the specifications against him, to attend at the bar of this House, either in person or by counsel, on the day of January instant, to answer to such specifications; and that the committee appointed for the above purpose be authorized to send for persons and papers.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the substitute being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To fill the blank with the words “ *twenty-second*,” which was agreed to.

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Kennedy, ending with the word “ *possible*.”

On the question, “ *Will the House agree to the first part of the substitute, ending with the word “ possible.”*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the second part?*”

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

To amend the substitute, by adding thereto these words, viz. “ *and that the said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Preston and Mr. Lyle be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The petition of Edward Evans, read the 7th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. A. Scott and Mr. Huston, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled “ *An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth*,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Palmer,  
To amend the same, by striking out of lines 8 and 9 the words "*freemen  
who are.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,  
To amend the said section, by inserting, between the words "*and*" and  
"*have,*" in line 10, the word "*who.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,  
To amend the said section, by striking out of line 13 the word "*persons,*"  
and inserting the word "*citizens*" in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,  
To amend the said section, by striking out of line 16 the word "*person,*"  
and inserting the word "*citizen*" in place thereof; and by striking out of  
line 17 the words, "*as a citizen of this state.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,  
To amend the said section, by adding to line 38 the words, "*or in case  
such certificate be lost or mislaid, if required by any Inspector or Judge of  
the election, he shall be examined on his oath or affirmation respecting the  
same.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Penrose,  
and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Huston,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 25.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hoftetter,  
Keppele,

N A Y S.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Kirk,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Logan,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Wharton,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 39.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the section, as amended?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Boileau, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Fisher,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hoftetter,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Wharton,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson;  
Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 62.

## N A Y S.

Mr. Boileau,

## N A Y S.

Mr. Logan.

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So it was determined in the affirmative.

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, January 14th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Bull, and read the 11th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Watson, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Sample be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

And the second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 24 the word "*agents*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*Sheriff of the county, or Superintendent by him.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 12 the word "*electors*," in both places where it occurs, and inserting in the first the words, "*qualified citizens*," and in the second the words, "*citizens qualified to vote.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 14 the word "*electors*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*the citizens.*"

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 27 the word "*electors*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*qualified citizens.*"

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

To amend the section, by inserting in line 35, between the words, "*district*" and "*shall*," these words, viz. "*except in such township, ward or district, where there shall be no Overseers of the Poor, in such case the Supervisors of the highways.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the section, by inserting in line 37, between the words "*overseers*" and "*shall*," the words, "*or supervisor of the highways.*"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 5 and 6 the words, "*discreet and intelligent freemen for*," and to insert in their place the words, "*qualified citizens residing in.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

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The fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 10 the words, "*and discreet electors,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*citizens qualified to vote.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The fifth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Kirk,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 27 the word "*electors,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*citizens qualified to vote.*"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The seventh section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

To postpone the further consideration thereof for the present, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

"SECT. VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any township or townships within this commonwealth hath or have been divided, or hereafter shall be divided, in forming any election district, the electors within each part of such divided township or townships respectively shall choose an inspector, who shall, within the part for which he is chosen, perform all and singular the duties to the office of inspector belonging; and in order thereto, the commissioners of the proper county shall furnish the inspector and inspectors so chosen with a list of the taxable inhabitants within such divided township and townships, for which they are respectively chosen.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To postpone the further consideration of the section and substitute for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The eighth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, from the word "*election,*" to the word "*directed,*" inclusive, and to introduce, in place thereof, the words, "*the number of inspectors, who shall sit at each door or window of the house where the election shall be holden, shall be determined.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made further to amend the section, by striking out of line 7 the word "*the,*" where it first occurs, and inserting the word "*a*" in place thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The tenth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 24 the words, "*or shall deface or destroy any such ticket.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Barclay,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 27 the words, "*doth presume to,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the word "*shall.*"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Linnard, and seconded by Mr. Ingels,

To insert the following, as an additional section, viz.

"SECT. XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no foreigner shall appear at any place of election, for the purpose of issuing tickets, or of influencing the electors, who is not qualified to vote agreeably to the provisions of this act, or the son of a person so qualified; and if any person shall interfere in the manner before mentioned, except as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered, for the benefit of the prosecutor, as debts under twenty pounds."

A motion was made by Mr. Hannum, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To postpone the further consideration of the said amendment for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, January 15th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hall presented a petition from Hannah Allman, praying for depreciation land, in right of her late husband Lawrence Allman, deceased, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Mr. Fisher presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Damascus and Lackawaxen, in the county of Wayne, and of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a new county be erected out of the the counties of Wayne and Luzerne, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Preston and Mr. Brown, to report thereon.

Mr.



Mr. Fisher presented a petition from a number of the citizens of this state, who are holders of unsatisfied warrants, praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented petitions from members of the society for the suppression of vice and immorality, and other citizens of this state, praying that the laws may be made more efficient on that subject, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee, to whom was referred, December 19th last, the bill, entitled " An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled " An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of " unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation," to report thereon; and that Mr. Ingels and Mr. Welles be added to the said committee.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland county, praying pecuniary aid in improving that part of the road from Philadelphia to Sunbury, which lies between Tietzworth's tavern and Minick's, on the Schuylkill, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from Edmund Physick, agent of John Penn and Richard Penn, the legal representatives of the late proprietaries, praying for certain papers, which remain in the office of the Surveyor General of this state, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Frailey, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Hartzell and Mr. Albright, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act for the " appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for donation lands," made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they find the inexecution of the law of the 17th April, 1795, occasioned by the inability of the Comptroller-General to form compleat lists of the persons entitled to receive donation lands, agreeably to law, no document

document being in his power for that purpose ; that the time for executing the law of the 17th April, 1795, being elapsed, they offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the officers of the Land-Office to carry into effect the provisions of the act of the 17th of April, 1795, with respect to all claims that are or may be filed for donation lands before the first day of May next, and that they give public notice in sundry newspapers, that all the said claims will be disposed of before the first day of January, 1800 ; and for constituting the Register-General, the Comptroller-General and Treasurer a board of enquiry, to decide on all such claims ; no lot or lots to be drawn without the favourable report of such board ; and that the business be closed on the said first day of January, 1800, and the residue of the lands to be disposed of by the state.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 4th instant, the petition of James Moore, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled “ An Act to grant James Moore, of Allegheney county, a fractional part of the tract of land reserved for the use of the state, lying at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, on the Ohio,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present, for concurrence, a bill, entitled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns ;” and to return the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.”

SECT. I. line 8, strike out the word “ *General* ;” strike out the word “ *Esquire*,” in lines 25, 26, 28 and 29.

SECT. III. line 7, next after the word “ *election*,” insert the words “ *at least* ;” line 8, next after the word “ *fix*,” insert the words “ *or more*.”

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 24th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom were referred the bill, entitled " An Act for the further endowment of Dickinson college, in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland academy," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 9th instant, the petition of the trustees of Union Academy, in the borough of Easton, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union Academy, in the county of Northampton," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 25th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of completing the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 23d instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed December 17th last, to present to the Governor the Answer of this House to his Address, reported they had performed that service.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed Samuel Bryan, Register-General, accompanied with his annual statement, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the said letter and statement be printed, for the use of the Members.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed Peter Baynton, Treasurer, accompanied with his annual statement, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the said letter and statement be printed, for the use of the Members.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to consider the propriety of authorising the President, Directors and company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to subscribe to the loan proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and that the said committee be permitted to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin be added to the respective grand committees, which have been appointed by this House.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the commissioners of Huntingdon county to compensate Benjamin Elliott for certain services,” read the 7th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river, read the 11th instant, was read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the first, second, fifth, sixth and seventh amendment, and non-concur the third and fourth.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled “ An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.”

And the amendment thereto by Mr. Linnard and Mr. Ingels, postponed yesterday, being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

“ SECT. XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person, who is not qualified to vote in this state agreeably to the provisions of this act (except the sons of qualified citizens) shall appear at any place of election, for the purpose of issuing tickets, or influencing the citizens qualified to vote, every person interfering in the manner aforesaid shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty dollars for every such offence.”

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the substitute being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the same, by adding thereto these words, viz. “ *to be recovered for the benefit of the poor of the township, ward or district, wherein the offender lives, as debts under twenty pounds are recoverable.*”

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

To amend, by striking out the word “ *twenty*,” and inserting “ *thirty*” in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The twenty-second section being under consideration,

A motion was made to strike out of lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, from the word “ *in*” to the word “ *known*,” inclusive.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the section, by inserting, between the words “ *voters*” and “ *shall*,” in line 31, the words “ *tally papers and certificates.*”

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The twenty-third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 5 the word “ *exceeding*,” and inserting, in place thereof, the words, “ *less than one hundred, nor more than.*”

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The twenty-fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 2 and 3 the words, “ *not otherwise herein before directed.*”

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The twenty-fifth section being under consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

Which was agreed to.

The twenty-sixth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Worrell,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. XXV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this commonwealth, on the representation of the College of Physicians of the city of Philadelphia, and Board of Health, or either of them, that, from the prevalence of a malignant or contagious fever in the said city and suburbs, the lives of the electors will be in danger by attending at the places fixed by law for holding elections within the same, to direct the sheriff of the county of Philadelphia to hold the election for the city at such other place within the limits of the city plot, and the elections for the districts and townships at such other places within the same, as he, the Governor, may judge most safe and convenient."

On the question,—*"Will the House agree to postpone?"*

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the substitute, by adding thereto the following, viz.

*"And it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia to give public notice, by advertisements posted up in the most public places of the several wards or districts, or published in at least three of the public newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, of the places where such elections are to be held, at least seven days before the time of holding the said election; and if the sheriff shall neglect to perform the duty herein prescribed, he shall pay the sum of two hundred dollars for every such neglect."*

Which was agreed to, and the substitute, as amended, was adopted as the twenty-fifth section.

The twenty-fifth section recuring, was adopted as the twenty-sixth section.

The House resumed the consideration of the seventh section, and the substitute offered thereto by Mr. Snyder, postponed yesterday.

And the substitute being withdrawn,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To amend the said section, by inserting, next after the word *"that,"* in line 1, the following, viz.

*"Where any township or townships within this commonwealth hath or have been divided, or hereafter shall be divided, in forming any election district, the electors within such part of such divided township or townships, respectively, shall choose one inspector, who shall, within the part for which he is chosen, perform all and singular the duties to the office of inspector belonging; and in order thereto, the commissioners of the proper county shall furnish the inspector and inspectors so chosen with a list of the taxable inhabitants within such divided township and townships, for which they are respectively chosen, and."*

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. Hannum,

To re-consider the tenth section.

Which was agreed to.

A motion

A motion was then made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. Hannum, To amend the said section, by inserting, between the words "*commissioners*" and "*as,*" in line 13, the words, "*and in one other ticket one or more directors of the poor for such counties, where they may be necessary.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Conrad, Further to amend the same, by striking out of lines 30 and 31 the words, "*to be recovered as in the case of delinquent inspectors.*"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 16th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ewalt presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Allegheny, praying for a division of the said county, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee appointed the 4th instant on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Dauphin, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of this state, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from a number of the members of the society for the suppression of vice and immorality, and other citizens of this state, praying that the laws on that subject may be made more efficient, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Watson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brown, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Ingels and Mr. Welles, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented petitions from a number of the merchants and other citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the memorial presented the 7th instant, praying leave to bring in a bill, to be enacted into a law, for incorporating a company, by the style and title of "*The Insurance Company of Philadelphia,*" which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be refered to the Members from the city of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Ewalt presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the northern parts of the county of Allegheny, praying aid in opening and improving a road therefrom to the city of Philadelphia, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be refered to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was refered, the 31st December last, the report on the petition of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have examined the subject matter of said report, and the account accompanying the same, together with the receipts of the money expended, from which the committee are led to believe that the petitioner's claim is just, and ought to be paid; and it may be further observed, that for several years the business of that office increased to such a degree, that the compensation allowed for clerks by law was not sufficient for the services to be performed: Further, the committee observe that there were certain duties enjoined on the Receiver-General by law, not formerly connected with that office, to wit, such as attending the sales of depreciation lands in the city of Philadelphia, and also at Lancaster, and keeping separate books, &c.

They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, to reimburse Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-Office, the sum of one thousand and ninety-three pounds three shillings and five pence, the amount of the sum expended above what was granted by law.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of ways and means, to whom was refered, December 28th last, the report of the committee on the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, relative to the loan of twenty-nine thousand dollars, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having considered the subject, they are of opinion that the payment of the said money, with the interest thereon, in consideration of the late peculiar distress of the city, ought to be assumed by the commonwealth, but that the state of the Treasury will not admit of an immediate draught for the whole sum: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the Governor to draw a warrant on the Treasury, in favour of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be by them applied towards the discharge of the debts contracted with the Banks by individuals during the late malignant fever; and

That as to the remaining sum of nineteen thousand dollars, together with such interest as shall then have accrued on the whole loan, the Governor be authorised to draw a warrant or warrants, in favour of the Board of Managers  
aforesaid,



aforesaid, for the same on the State Treasury, whenever there may be unappropriated monies there; provided such draught or draughts be not made until after the first day of May next. The said sum or sums to be applied in discharge of the debts contracted as aforesaid.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee, to whom was referred, December 27th last, the report on petitions for and against a division of the county of York, postponed the 11th instant.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Hostetter,

To amend the same, by striking out the words, "*above mentioned lines*," and to add the following, viz,

"*Following lines, viz. Beginning in the line of Cumberland county at Trent's Gap, on the great road leading past Godfrey's to Hanover town, thence a straight line to the forks of Conewago creek, at or near the north west corner of Berwick township, from thence along the south branch of the said Conewago creek to where it strikes the line of Heidleberg township, and from thence a due south course until it strikes the Maryland line, thence along the Maryland line to the line of Franklin county, thence along the line of Franklin and Cumberland counties to the place of beginning, and the seat of justice to be at Gettysburgh.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. M'Pherson,

To postpone the further consideration of the said amendment, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

"*Following lines, viz. Beginning in the line of Cumberland county, at the road leading from the town of Carlisle to Baltimore, thence along the said road a southerly course, until it strikes the north easterly corner of Berwick township, thence along the easternmost line of Berwick township, until it strikes the line of Paradise township, and from thence a due south course until it strikes the Maryland line, thence along the Maryland line to the line of Franklin county, thence along the line of Franklin and Cumberland counties to the place of beginning.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to postpone?*"

It was determined in the negative.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, January 17th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to continue in force an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of this commonwealth, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that aliens be permitted to hold lands within this commonwealth, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having considered the subject, they find that on the 11th February, 1789, a law was passed for that purpose, which expired by its own limitation on the 1st of January, 1792; that on the 8th March, 1792, the same act was revived, and continued in force for the term of three years, and to the end of the session next ensuing; that on the 12th February, 1795, the same act was revived, and continued in force for the term of two years; so that it finally expired, by its own limitation, on 12th February, 1797.

The committee are of opinion that the same reasons which existed at the time of passing, and the several times of reviving the act aforesaid, still exist, and that it would be good policy again to revive the same.

They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to revive and continue in force, for a limited time, the act passed on the 11th February, 1789, entitled "An Act to enable aliens to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth."

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for donation lands," read the 15th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, the 26th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to grant a sum of money to the Trustees of the Academy of Canonsburgh, in Washington county," and that it be the order for that day.

The House resumed the consideration of the report on the division of York county.

And the amendment offered by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Hostetter, recurring,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. M'Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
 Albright,  
 Brown,  
 Campbell,  
 Fisher,  
 Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hoftetter,  
 Horne,  
 Keppele,  
 Kelly,  
 Preston,  
 Palmer,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
 Stocker,  
 A. Scott,  
 Snyder,  
 Welles.

17.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Bull,  
 Barclay,  
 Brooke,  
 Boileau,  
 Blair,  
 Coolbaugh,  
 Cunningham,  
 Conrad,  
 Dunlop,  
 Eyre,  
 Erwin,  
 Ewalt,  
 Frailey,  
 Follmer,  
 Forster,  
 Hannum,  
 Hopkins,  
 Hartzell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
 Harris,  
 Huston,  
 Ingels,  
 Kirk,  
 Kennedy,  
 Krause,  
 Linnard,  
 Lyle,  
 Logan,  
 Mewhorter,  
 Miller,  
 Martin,  
 M'Pherfon,  
 M'Dowell,  
 Penrose,  
 Rugh,  
 Rose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Raum,  
 Stover,  
 Strickler,  
 Shoemaker,  
 Stewart,  
 J. Scott,  
 Speer,  
 Sample,  
 Taylor,  
 Udree,  
 Van Horne,  
 Wharton,  
 Worrell,  
 Watfon,  
 Wright,  
 Wilfon,  
 Williamson,  
 Weaver.

54.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Hoftetter,

To amend the resolution, by adding the words, "*and that the seat of justice be at Hunter's-town.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. A. Scott, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
 Albright,  
 Brown,  
 Barclay,  
 Blair,  
 Campbell,  
 Fisher,  
 Forster,  
 Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hoftetter,  
 Horne,  
 Keppele,  
 Kelly,  
 Mewhorter,  
 Miller,  
 Power,  
 Preston,  
 Palmer,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
 Stocker,  
 Stover,  
 A. Scott,  
 Wharton,  
 Watfon,  
 Welles,  
 Williamson.

26.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Bull,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Fwalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hartzell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Raum,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wortell,  
Wright,  
Wilfon,  
Weaver.

45.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Kelly,

To amend the resolution, by adding the words, "*and that the seat of justice be at, or not exceeding one mile from, Hugh King's farm.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. M'Pherfon, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Campbell,  
Hofstetter,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Keppéle,  
Kelly,

Y E A S.

Mr. A. Scott.

5.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Horne,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kirk,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
M'Dowell,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Raum,  
Seckel,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Worrell,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Wilfon,  
Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver.

61.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Campbell,  
To amend the resolution, by adding the words, "*and that the seat of justice be at Gettysburgh.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,  
To postpone the further consideration of the said report and amendment until to-morrow:

Which was determined in the negative.

And on the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. M'Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Bull,  
Campbell,  
Forster,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Kelly,  
Mewhorter,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Welles.

13.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Horne,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kirk,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Rugh,  
Raum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Williamson,  
Weaver.

52.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,  
To amend the section, by adding the words, "*and that*  
*the seat of justice.*"

be

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. M'Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
 Albright,  
 Brown,  
 Brooke,  
 Blair,  
 Campbell,  
 Coolbaugh,  
 Conrad,  
 Dunlop,  
 Erwin,  
 Fisher,  
 Forster,  
 Hemphill,  
 Hopkins,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Horne,  
 Hartzell,  
 Keppele,  
 Kirk,  
 Kelly,  
 Kennedy,  
 Martin,  
 M'Pherfon,  
 Power,  
 Preston,  
 Palmer,  
 Raum,  
 Seckel,  
 Stocker,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Strickler,  
 A. Scott,  
 Stewart,  
 Snyder,  
 J. Scott,  
 Speer,  
 Sample,  
 Taylor,  
 Udree,  
 Van Horne,  
 Wharton,  
 Watfon,  
 Welles,  
 Williamfon. 42.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Bull,  
 Boileau,  
 Cunningham,  
 Eyre,  
 Ewalt,  
 Frailey,  
 Follmer,  
 Hannum,  
 Hoftetter,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
 Harris,  
 Huston,  
 Ingels,  
 Krause,  
 Linnard,  
 Lyle,  
 Logan,  
 Mewhorter,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. M'Dowell,  
 Penrose,  
 Rugh,  
 Shoemaker,  
 Worrell,  
 Wright,  
 Wilfon,  
 Weaver. 26.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Senate, that the House of Representatives had non-concured the third and fourth amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorize John Canan to erect a " toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river," and had concured all the other amendments on the said bill.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, January 18th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keys presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the northern parts of the county of Lancaster, praying the repeal or suspension, for a limited time, of the act which provides for the support of the poor of Lancaster county, &c. passed the 27th of February, 1798, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lyle presented a petition from Jesse Rankin, stating he hath lost a final settlement certificate, and praying relief, which was read, and

On

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. McDowell, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ewalt, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the State, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address, relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Dunlop presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, of a similar tenor to the petitions just above mentioned, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Speer presented a petition from William Henderson, late a Captain in the Pennsylvania line, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from Ulrich Keffinger, of Berks county, praying to be permitted to support his mill-dam on the river Schuylkill, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the said county, to report thereon.

Mr. Speer presented a petition from Thomas McDowell, of Peters township, Franklin county, praying compensation for his services as assistant assessor in the year 1781, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Speer, Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Kennedy, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 2d instant, the petition of Thomas Jones, of Cumru township, in the county of Berks, relative to two certain lots of ground, formerly the property of a Baptist association in said county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the immediate erection of a house of employment, and for the support of the poor in the county of Delaware, and to render the maintaining of the poor thereof a county charge,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 28th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed to prepare specific charges against Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

1st. That the aforesaid Benjamin Brannon, contrary to the duties of his office, endeavoured to prevent a certain Isaac Davis from being punished, whom he knew had robbed the Bank of Pennsylvania.

2d. That on the 21st of November last, Jonathan Smith, Esquire, Cashier of the Bank of Pennsylvania, sent a bond and warrant of attorney to Isaac Davis, to be executed by him, in favour of the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, for the sum of three thousand dollars, they having received of the said Isaac Davis all the money, of which the Bank had been robbed, except the aforesaid three thousand dollars.

That on the said 21st of November, the said Benjamin Brannon came to the Cashier of the Bank with the aforesaid bond, unexecuted, and wished to be informed of the circumstances of the robbery, and of the return of a part of the money; and after having been informed by the Cashier, and the Cashier also having stated to him that the President and Directors of the Bank, before they could prevail on Davis to acknowledge the robbery and return the money, were obliged to promise him, that, if he returned the whole of the money, they would interfere for his pardon; and also having stated that it was just and proper that Davis's property should be bound for the payment of the remainder of the money, the said Benjamin said he would see Davis on the subject.

That on the said 21st of November, Benjamin Brannon wrote a bond and warrant of attorney for Isaac Davis to execute in favour of Mary Davis, his mother, for the sum of twelve hundred dollars, which sum was more than sufficient to cover all the property belonging to Isaac Davis; and that on the 23d of the same month, the said Benjamin Brannon went, in person, to Chester, and had judgment entered upon the said bond.

That the said Benjamin Brannon called several times on the Cashier of the Bank, between the 21st of November and the 24th of the said month, and impressed a belief on the mind of the Cashier, that Isaac Davis would tell who made the picks and keys, and at one of the times said that he had seen Davis, and thought he would get Davis to execute the aforesaid bond, in favour of the Bank, if it would operate as his complete discharge.

That



That on the 24th of the same month, the said Benjamin Brannon called again on the Cashier of the Bank with the aforefaid bond executed in favour of the Bank, and said he was ready to deliver it, on condition that Davis's pardon should be obtained. In this particular the said Benjamin Brannon manifestly designed to deceive and defraud the President and Directors of the Bank, knowing that he had previously got a judgment entered against Isaac Davis in favour of his mother, sufficient to take all Davis's property, and without giving the least intimation of this circumstance to the Cashier. The Cashier did not accept of the bond; and when, on a subsequent day, the Cashier informed the said Benjamin Brannon that he had discovered that a judgment was entered against Isaac Davis in favour of his mother, he replied, that he knew nothing of that bond until it was handed to him, although, at the same time, he knew it was written by himself.

That the said Benjamin Brannon has frequently said that he did not see Isaac Davis at any time after the robbery, until the 24th of November, although he acknowledged to the Cashier that he had seen him previous to the 24th of November last, and although Isaac Davis acknowledged a power of attorney to his mother, before the said Benjamin Brannon, on the 21st of November.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, and seconded by Mr. Strickler, and read, as follows, viz.

Whereas, from the increased population of this commonwealth, it has become necessary to remove the seat of government from the city of Philadelphia, and fix the same some where nearer the centre of population, and more especially as of late the disease, called the yellow fever, has raged at particular periods, so as not only almost to depopulate the city, but to render it dangerous for the Members of the Legislature to meet therein, when the disease has so recently ceased.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, providing for the removal of the Legislature of this commonwealth, and offices attached thereto, from the city of Philadelphia, to some more central place, to be designated by them, and providing a fund for defraying the expences of the same.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Stocker, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, proceed to the choice of three Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, agreeably to a provision in the charter of incorporation for that purpose made and provided.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the report of the committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Marine and City Hospitals, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate hath receded from their amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act “ to enable John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Franks-town branch “ of the Juniata river,” which have been non-concurred by the House of Representatives; and to present an extract from the Journal of the Senate.

And having presented the said Extract to the Chair, he withdrew.

The Extract was then read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, January 17th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to unite with a committee of the House of Representatives, if that House shall appoint such committee, to burn the several emissions of the paper money of this state, which are now in the treasury. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kean, Mr. McClellan and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

The motion made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, and read the 15th instant, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Frailey, ending with the words “ *United States.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the first part of the said resolution?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the second part?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Mewhorter, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Forster,	Messrs. Power,
Albright,	Hall,	Preston,
Bull,	Hemphill,	Palmer,
Brown,	Hannum,	Seckel,
Buckley,	Hopkins,	Stocker,
Barclay,	Hofstetter,	Strickler,
Brooke,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Blair,	Kirk,	Speer,
Campbell,	Keys,	Taylor,
Dunlop,	Kelly,	Wharton,
Erwin,	Miller,	Watson,
Fisher,	M'Pherson,	Welles.

36.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Boileau, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston,	Messrs. Ingels, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Martin, M'Dowell, Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Raum,	Messrs. Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Sample, Udree, Van Horne, Worrell, Wright, Wilson, Williamson, Weaver. 37.

So it was determined in the negative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Preston, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Boileau and Mr. Frailey be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The House again resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the division of York county.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the resolution therein contained?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Bull, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Dunlop, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Hall, Hopkins,	Messrs. Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Kirk, Keys, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Miller, Martin, M'Pherfon, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Raum, Stover, Strickler, Stewart, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Udree, Van Horne, Worrell, Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 51.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Brown,	Messrs. Campbell, Fisher, Hemphill, [ 33. ]	Messrs. Hannum, Hostetter, Keppele, N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Kelly,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Wharton,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Welles,  
Williamson. 19.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Eyre, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to make enquiry if any, and what, progress has been made by the commissioners appointed to carry into effect a law, dated March 29th, 1798, entitled " An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia through Germantown, by the route of Chesnut Hill, to the twelve mile stone on the Reading road, and thence to Reading, in the county of Berks," and that the said committee report to this House.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Bull asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Mr. Taylor asked and obtained leave of absence for four days.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the petition from the county of Northumberland, praying that aliens be permitted to hold lands, read yesterday, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Eyre,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising aliens who now are, or hereafter may be resident within this commonwealth, to hold lands within the same.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, January 19th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from John Bioren, stating that he has it in contemplation to publish a new edition of the laws of this commonwealth, and praying the patronage and aid of the Legislature therein, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Watson, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Wright, to report thereon.

Mr.

Mr. Penrose presented a petition from a number of the landholders on Greenwich island, praying a revision and amendment of the law incorporating the proprietors of the said island, passed the 12th day of April, 1760, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. Seckel, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Linnard and Mr. Ingels, to report thereon.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this state, praying pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road from the town of Muncy, in a north-westerly direction across Loyal-sock, to the Painted Post, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Power and Mr. Follmer, to report thereon.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from James C. McGrew, praying permission to erect a mill-dam across the Youghiogeny river, between Sewickley and Jacob's creeks, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Sample and Mr. Huston, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to enable the commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to compensate their respective county treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of Assembly, entitled " An Act for erecting a loan office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 30th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the Senate, if the Senate shall think proper to appoint such committee, to inspect the general accounts in the books of the Bank of Pennsylvania, in order to ascertain the amount of its capital stock, of the debts due to the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, and of the cash in hand, and report generally.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the report on the petition, praying that aliens be permitted to purchase and hold lands within this commonwealth.

And the motion made yesterday by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Eyre, recuring, viz.

To postpone the further consideration of the resolution, for the purpose of introducing a substitute.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Eyre and Mr. Horne, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Ingels,	Messrs. Raum,
Blair,	Kelly,	Strickler,
Coolbaugh,	Kennedy,	Shoemaker,
Cunningham,	Krause,	Stewart,
Conrad,	Linnard,	J. Scott,
Eyre,	Lyle,	Speer,
Ewalt,	Logan,	Sample,
Frailey,	Miller,	Udree,
Hopkins,	Martin,	Van Horne,
Hofstetter,	M'Pherson,	Worrell,
Horne,	M'Dowell,	Wright,
Hartzell,	Penrose,	Wilson,
Hendricks,	Rugh,	Williamson,
Huston,	Rose,	Weaver. 42.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Follmer,	Messrs. Palmer,
Albright,	Forster,	Seckel,
Brown,	Hall,	Stocker,
Buckley,	Hemphill,	Stover,
Barclay,	Hannum,	A. Scott,
Brooke,	Keppele,	Snyder,
Campbell,	Kirk,	Wharton,
Dunlop,	Keys,	Watson,
Erwin,	Power,	Welles. 29.
Fisher,	Preston,	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the substitute being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by adding the words, “ *they having previously declared their intention to become citizens, agreeably to an act of Congress, entitled “ An Act supplementary to and to amend the act, entitled “ An Act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject,” passed the 18th day of June, 1798.* ”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?* ”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the substitute, as amended, being under consideration,

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

Further to amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz. "*and that such aliens as have already made bona fide contracts, for the purchase of real estate within this commonwealth, shall take and hold the same in fee-simple, or for any lesser estate, according to the nature of their several and respective contracts.*"

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

M O N D A Y, January 21st, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "An Act to authorize John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Franks-town branch of the Juniata river."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Mifflin, praying that a new county be erected out of the counties of Northumberland, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Lycoming, agreeably to the bounds by them given, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Harris, Mr. Blair, Mr. Welles and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that an alteration be made in the judiciary system of the state, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Martin presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Lycoming, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve a road from the town of Newbury to the one hundred and nine mile stone in the New-York line, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The petition of John M'Kinney, late an officer in the Pennsylvania line, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing, was taken from the files of the House 1795-6, by Mr. Hemphill, at the written request of the said John M'Kinney, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read on Saturday last, relative to the appointment of a committee to inspect the accounts, &c. of the Bank of Pennsylvania, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Preston, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Boileau and Mr. Frailey be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth" was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House again resumed the consideration of the report on the petitions in favour of aliens.

And the amendment proposed by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Wharton, recurring,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question,—"*Will the House agree to the resolution, as amended?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Brooke, Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled—"An Act for regulating the fisheries in the river Susquehanna and its branches, and the river Juniata and the branches thereof," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 29th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The further report in part of the committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, read the 12th instant, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an act, entitled "An Act to ascertain parts of lines between the counties of Berks, Northampton, Northumberland and Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be postponed for the present.

*Ordered*, That the petition from Bucks county, respecting the inspection of rye-meal and indian corn-meal, be referred to the Members of the city of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the petitions of the inhabitants of Washington and Allegheney counties, praying that a new county be erected, be postponed for the present.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland counties, praying that the road from Frankstown to Ligonier valley may be altered, be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

In conformity to the twentieth rule for the government of this House, the following persons were nominated as candidates for Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania.

Charles Biddle	was nominated by Mr. Preston.
George Bickham	by Mr. Wharton.
Jacob Morgan	by Mr. Conrad.
Samuel W. Fisher	by Mr. Kennedy.
William Jones	by Mr. Penrose.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Keys, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draught, and report to this House. an address to the Governor, for the removal of Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, from the office of Associate Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas in the county of Delaware.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Preston, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be instructed to issue a notification to Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, accompanied with a copy of the specifications against him, to appear in person or by counsel at the bar of this House on Tuesday, the 29th of January, 1799, to answer such specifications; and that the Speaker be requested to issue process to compel the attendance of such witnesses, as the said Benjamin Brannon may wish to produce in his defence, and to furnish the said Benjamin Brannon with a copy of this resolution, and also a copy of the resolution laid on the table for the appointment of a committee to draught an address to the Governor, for the removal of the said Benjamin Brannon from office.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and adopted.

The motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Strickler, and read the 18th instant, relative to the removal of the seat of government, was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be the order for that day.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y,

T U E S D A Y, January 22d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Penrose presented a memorial from a number of landholders of Greenwich island, remonstrating against the petition of a number of other landholders of the said island, presented on Saturday last, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. Seckel, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Linnard and Mr. Ingels, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing and building a bridge across the Youghiogeny river," reported a bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Isaac Meason and Zachariah Connell, their heirs and assigns, to erect, build and maintain a toll-bridge across the Youghiogeny river, at Connellsville, in Fayette county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 31st instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom were referred, the 5th instant, the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Allegheny and Washington, praying for a new county, and that the seat of justice be the town of Beaver, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the premises into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, for the purpose of erecting a new county within the counties of Allegheny and Washington, agreeably to the following lines, viz. beginning at the Ohio river, where the state line crosses the same, thence south to the fortieth and half degree north latitude, thence east until a line strikes the principal branch of Flaugherty's run, thence down the same to where it empties into the Ohio river, thence across the said river to the mouth of Big Sewickly creek, thence up said creek to the head thereof, thence to the division line between Bredan's and Alexander's districts, thence north to the division line between the third and fourth donation districts, thence west to the state line, thence along the same to the place of beginning; and that the seat of justice thereof be fixed at the town of Beaver.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The committee to whom were refered, the 16th instant, the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of that part of Allegheney county, lying north-west of the Allegheney river, praying for a division of the said county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was refered, the 4th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Allegheney county, praying for a new county, out of the counties of Allegheney and Westmoreland, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the subject matter contained in the petitions into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, erecting a new county within the counties of Allegheney and Westmoreland, to be comprised within the following lines, viz. beginning at the mouth of Kiskiminetas river, thence up the same to the mouth of Long run, thence by a direct course to and including Clark's mill, on Crooked creek, thence up the same to Plumb creek, thence up Plumb creek to the third main fork thereof, thence by a direct course to the nearest part of the east line of Woods's district, thence along the line of said district to Toby's creek, thence by a direct course to the Allegheney river, where the dividing line between the third and fourth districts of donation lands crosses the same, thence along the said line until it intersect a north line, extended from between Braden's and Alexander's districts (or the third and fourth districts of donation lands) thence along the said north line until it intersect the line between the donation and depreciation lands, thence by a direct course to the mouth of Thorn run, on Connaughqueneffing creek, thence up said run to the head thereof, thence with a direct course to the head of the west branch of Buffaloe creek, thence down said creek to the Allegheney river, thence up the Allegheney river to the place of beginning, at the mouth of the Kiskiminetas river, and that a mode be prescribed in said bill, whereby the seat of justice in said county shall be fixed by commissioners on the Allegheney river, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed December 15th last, on that part of the Governor's Address relative to the health laws of this state, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for repealing all the existing laws on these subjects," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day, and that twice the usual number of copies thereof be printed, for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Conrad,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker be instructed not to act upon the resolution relative to Benjamin Brannon, read and adopted yesterday, until Friday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act for the further endowment of Dickinson college, in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland Academy."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Penrose withdrew his nomination of William Jones as a Director of the Bank of Pennsylvania.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the election of three Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, in conformity to the directions of the act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of Pennsylvania," passed the thirtieth day of March, 1793, and the Members present voted as follows, viz.

Cadwalader Evans	voted for	{ Samuel W. Fisher, Charles Biddle, George Bickham.
Philip Albright	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Jeremiah Brown	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Daniel Buckley	-	{ George Bickham, Jacob Morgan, Samuel W. Fisher.
Hugh Barclay	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Benjamin Brooke	-	{ Charles Biddle, George Bickham, Samuel W. Fisher.

John Blair	voted for	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Thomas Campbell	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
John Coolbaugh	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
John Cunningham	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Frederick Conrad	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Andrew Dunlop	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Manuel Eyre	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Joseph Erwin	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Samuel Ewalt	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Peter Frailey	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Jacob Follmer	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Thomas Forster	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
William Hall	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Joseph Hemphill	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
James Hannum	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.

John Hopkins	voted for	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Jacob Hostetter	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Abraham Horne	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Jonas Hartzell	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Abraham Hendricks	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
James Harris	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Joseph Hufton	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
George Ingels	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Michael Keppele	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Roger Kirk	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Richard Keys	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
James Kelly	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Thomas Kennedy	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
David Krause	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
William Linnard	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.

Aaron Lyle	voted for	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
George Logan	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Thomas Mewhorter	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Adam Miller	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Richard Martin	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
William M'Pherfon	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
John M'Dowell	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
William Penrose	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
James Power	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Jonas Preston	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Moses Palmer	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Michael Rugh	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Daniel Rose	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Jacob Raum	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Lawrence Seckel	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.

John C. Stocker	voted for	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Ralph Stover	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Jacob Strickler	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Alexander Scott	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Charles Shoemaker	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Charles Stewart	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Simon Snyder	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
John Scott	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
James Speer	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
James Sample	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Daniel Udree	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Isaac Van Horne	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Kearny Wharton	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Isaac Worrell	- -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
Isaac Watfson	-	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.



John Wright	voted for	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.
James Wilfon	- - -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Rosewell Welles	- - -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Moses Williamson	- - -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Samuel W. Fisher.
Isaac Weaver	- - -	{ George Bickham, Charles Biddle, Jacob Morgan.

So it appeared that George Bickham, Charles Biddle and Samuel W. Fisher were duly elected, on the part of the House of Representatives, Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

*Resolved*, That two certificates of the election held this day be made out, and signed by the Speaker, and countersigned by the Clerk and Assistant-Clerk, as Tellers, one of which shall remain on the files of this House, and the other be deposited in the Rolls-office; and also that three other certificates be made out in the singular number, in the names of the persons respectively elected, which, having been signed as aforesaid, shall be transmitted by the Speaker to the several Directors who shall be therein named.

Five several certificates of the said election being made out, conformably to the said resolution, were signed by the Speaker; one of which was transmitted to each of the persons elected, one filed with the Records of this House, and one deposited in the Rolls-office.

The motion made by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Eyre, and read the 18th instant, relative to the Germantown turnpike, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Conrad asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of this week.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to regulate the general elections within this “ commonwealth;” and to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over “ the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river;” and that he had presented to the Senate an Extract from the Journal of this House, relative to the appointment of a committee, to join a committee of the Senate, if the Senate shall

shall think proper to appoint such committee, to inspect the general accounts in the books of the Bank of Pennsylvania, &c.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 23d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Worrell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the village of Frankford, praying to be incorporated, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the State, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

A letter signed John Donaldson, Comptroller-General, addressed to the Speaker, and inclosing a report of the arrears of taxes due from the several counties of this commonwealth, with remarks thereon, were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee of ways and means, to report thereon, and that one hundred copies be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the village of West-Chester, praying to be incorporated, read in a former House, February 27th, 1797, was taken from the files by Mr. Hemphill, presented to the Chair, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Chester, to report thereon.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House in which they respectively originated.

I. An

- I. An ACT to declare Frankford creek a public highway.
- II. An ACT to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon.
- III. An ACT to facilitate the barring of entails.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, January 16th, 1799.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate the district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohockfink creek," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, February 1st next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough," read the 15th instant, were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act for the further endowment of Dickinson college, in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland Academy."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported that they had negatived the bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kennedy reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, January 24, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle Smithfield and Delaware, in the county of Wayne, praying

praying that a new county be erected out of Northampton county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom were referred, the 4th instant, sundry petitions for a new county from the said county of Wayne, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Middle Smithfield, Lower Smithfield, Hamilton, Chestnut-hill and Towa-men-sing, in the county of Northampton, praying, that if any alteration be made in the county of Wayne, they may not be separated from the said county of Northampton, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the before mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Mifflin, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve a road from Kishicoquillas Valley to Penn's Valley, in the said county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect and maintain a wing-dam or dams in the river Delaware," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, February 2d next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Dunlop presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon, and that Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Sample and Mr. Weaver be added to the said committee.

The committee appointed the 18th instant, to consider the propriety of authorising the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania to subscribe to the loan proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had a conference with a committee of the Directors of said Bank on the subject of the loan, and having received from them such information, as was necessary to enable them to form an accurate judgment thereon, they are of the opinion, that, whether the measure is viewed as affecting  
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the interests of the institution itself, or of the persons trading therewith, it will have a salutary and beneficial effect, because the operation thereof may be so regulated, that while the profits of the Bank will be considerably increased, the means of supplying its customers will not be materially diminished: The committee therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to subscribe a sum, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to the loan to the United States, on the terms proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed to examine the Journal and Files of the late House, and report the unfinished business, made a further report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

A report on the petition of the freeholders and citizens of the county of York, praying that the rivers Codorus and Conewago may be declared public highways, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of York, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a separate county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 18th instant, the petition of Ulrick Kessling, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken into consideration the propriety of authorising him by law to support the present dam erected in the river Schuylkill, for the purpose of supplying his mill with water out of said river, and are of opinion that the navigation of the said river is thereby benefited: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of his petition. And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to unite with the committee of the Senate, to burn the several emissions of the paper money of this State, which are now in the Treasury; and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Udree, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ewalt be a committee for that purpose.

The report of the committee of the whole House, made yesterday, on the bill, entitled “ An Act for the further endowment of Dickinson college, “ in the borough of Carlisle, and for the relief of Northumberland academy,” viz. that they had negatived the bill, was read.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Brown, Buckley, Brooke, Boileau, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Forster, Hopkins, Hostetter,	Messrs. Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Kirk, Keys, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Mewhorter, Miller, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Strickler, Shoemaker, Sample, Udree, Van Horne, Worrell, Watson, Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 41.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Barclay, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Follmer, Hall, Hemphill, Keppele,	Messrs. Kelly, Kennedy, Logan, Martin, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Palmer, Raum, Seckel,	Messrs. Stocker, Stover, Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Speer, Turner, Wharton, Welles, Williamson. 30.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to leave given yesterday, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and “ for other purposes therein mentioned.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present, for concurrence, a bill, entitled “ An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court ;” and to present an Extract from the Journal of the Senate.

And having presented the said bill and Extract to the Chair, he withdrew.

The Extract was then read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, January 24th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives, to inspect the general accounts in the books of the Bank of Pennsylvania, in order to ascertain the amount of its capital stock, of the debts due to the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, and of the cash in hand, and report generally. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kean, Mr. Gurney and Mr. Brandon be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court,” was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, February 1st next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And then he withdrew.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to continue in force an act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes,” was read the second time.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the section of the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Eyre,

To amend the same, by striking out all that follows the word “ *that,*” in line 4, in order to introduce, in place thereof, the following, viz. “ *the act entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes,” passed on the fourth day of April, 1796, be and the same is hereby continued*”

*“ for three years from and after the passing of this act, and from thence to the end of the session of the General Assembly.”*

On the question,—*“ Will the House agree to the same ?”*

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to continue in force for a limited time an act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and “ for other purposes,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The petition of Joseph Wharton, read December 11th last, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that part of the Governor's Address relative to the Wyoming controversy, to report thereon.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Strickler, and postponed the 21st instant.

And the resolution therein contained recuring,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. M'Pherson,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, making provision for the removal of the seat of government of this State, and the officers attached to the same, to a place to be fixed at or near Wright's ferry, in the county of Lancaster, and fixing the time when such removal shall take place.

On the question,—*“ Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid ?”*

It was determined in the affirmative.

The substitute being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the same, so as to read as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, making provision for the removal of the seat of government of this State, and the offices attached to the same, to \_\_\_\_\_, on the river Susquehanna, and fixing the time when such removal shall take place.

On the question,—*“ Will the House agree to the said amendment ?”*

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Power, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the substitute, by striking out the words, “ a place to be fixed “ at or near Wright's ferry, in the county of Lancaster,” and inserting in their place the words, “ to the public ground, the property of the commonwealth, “ near Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin.”



On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Power and Mr. Forster, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Coolbaugh, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Hendricks, Harris, Kennedy, Krause,	Messrs. Logan, Lyle, Miller, Martin, M'Dowell, Power, Rugh, Rose, Raum, Shoemaker,	Messrs. Stewart, Snyder, Sample, Udree, Wright, Willson, Williamson, Weaver. 28.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Campbell, Cunningham, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Hall, Hemphill,	Messrs. Hannum, Hopkins, Hostetter, Horne, Hartzell, Huston, Ingels, Keppele, Kirk, Keys, Kelly, Linnard, M'Pherson, Penrose, Preston,	Messrs. Palmer, Seckel, Stocker, Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Turner, Van Horne, Wharton, Worrell, Watson, Welles. 44.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the substitute?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Horne and Mr. Buckley, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Albright, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Blair, Campbell, Cunningham, Dunlop, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Hopkins,	Messrs. Hostetter, Hendricks, Harris, Keys, Kelly, Kennedy, Krause, Lyle, M'Pherson, M'Dowell, Rugh, Rose,	Messrs. Strickler, A. Scott, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Speer, Turner, Wright, Williamson, Weaver. 35.

N A Y S.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
 Brooke,  
 Boileau,  
 Coolbaugh,  
 Eyre,  
 Erwin,  
 Fisher,  
 Forster,  
 Hall,  
 Hemphill,  
 Hannum,  
 Horne,  
 Hartzell,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Huston,  
 Ingels,  
 Keppele,  
 Kirk,  
 Linnard,  
 Logan,  
 Miller,  
 Martin,  
 Penrose,  
 Power,  
 Preston,  
 Palmer,  
 Raum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
 Stocker,  
 Stover,  
 Sample,  
 Udree,  
 Van Horne,  
 Wharton,  
 Worrell,  
 Watton,  
 Wilson,  
 Welles.

37.

So it was determined in the negative.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that the House of Representatives had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Greenesburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, January 25th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horne presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Lower Smithfield, Middle Smithfield, Hamilton, Chesnut-hill and Towamensing townships, in the county of Northampton, praying, that if an alteration should be made in the county of Wayne, they may not be separated from the said county of Northampton, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Boileau, to report thereon.

Mr. Horne presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northampton, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the State, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from Thomas Kennedy, proprietor of sundry lots in the village of Milford, in the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice for the said county may not be removed from the said village of Milford, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Coolbaugh, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Boileau, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from William Gill, of a similar tenor to the petition just above mentioned, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Ewalt presented a petition from George Funk, praying to be authorized to erect and maintain a toll-bridge over Dunning's creek, in Bedford county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Barclay, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

Mr. Hall presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying that aliens may be permitted to purchase and hold lands within this commonwealth, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was refered the bill, entitled " An Act to establish a ferry over the Juniata river, opposite Mifflinburg, in the county of Mifflin, and vesting the right in James Taylor and James Sanderfon, their heirs and assigns," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was refered, the 19th instant, the petition of James C. McGrew, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and, from the reasons contained in said petition, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioner.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was refered, the 7th instant, the petition of William Tilghman, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, February 2d next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the report (taken from the files of the late House) on the petition of the freeholders and citizens of the county of York, praying that the rivers Codorus and Conewago may be declared public highways, reported a bill, entitled " An Act declaring the rivers Codorus and Conewago, in the county of York, public highways, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, February 2d next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The message from the Governor, presented yesterday, was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I**N compliance with the request of the Governor of Kentucky, I submit to your consideration sundry resolutions, entered into by the Legislature of that State, relative to certain measures of the General Government.

This opportunity will, likewise, be taken, to present a memorial from the Board of Inspectors of the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia; and I earnestly recommend an early and liberal attention to the interests of that institution, as an object of great policy.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, January 23d, 1799.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, February 5th next, be assigned for the second reading of the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, that they be the order for that day, and that one hundred copies thereof be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

The bill, entitled " An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence. The

The bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to “ extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section thereof being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Brooke, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hartzell,	Messrs. Rose,
Albright,	Hendricks,	Stover,
Brown,	Harris,	Strickler,
Brooke,	Huston,	Shoemaker,
Boileau,	Ingels,	Snyder,
Blair,	Kirk,	J. Scott,
Campbell,	Krause,	Speer,
Coolbaugh,	Linnard,	Sample,
Cunningham,	Lyle,	Turner,
Dunlop,	Logan,	Udree,
Eyre,	Miller,	Van Horne,
Erwin,	M'Pherson,	Worrell,
Ewalt,	M'Dowell,	Watson,
Follmer,	Penrose,	Wright,
Gehr,	Preston,	Wilson,
Hofstetter,	Palmer,	Williamson,
Horne,	Rugh,	Weaver. 51.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Buckley,	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Stocker,
Frailey,	Keppele,	Taylor,
Forster,	Kelly,	Wharton,
Hemphill,	Kennedy,	Welles. 14.
Hannum,	Raum,	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or “ public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein “ mentioned,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Ingels,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 38 the word “ *five*,” and inserting the word “ *nine*” in place thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

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The sixth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 4 the word "*state*," and inserting the word "*county*" in place thereof; and out of line 5 the words "*aggregate fund*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*arrearages of taxes due from the said county to the commonwealth, for which sum the county of York shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller-General, in the settlement of their accounts for arrearages of taxes.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

Further to amend the section, by striking out of line 4 the word "*one*," and inserting, in place thereof, the word "*two*."

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading, and that the title thereof be, "An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee appointed to consider the propriety of authorizing the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania to subscribe to the loan proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the resolution contained in said report, without amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

That the report of the committee of the whole House be by special order read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the motion?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Horne, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. Seckel,
Albright,	Hannum,	Stocker,
Brown,	Hofstetter,	Stover,
Buckley,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Barclay,	Kirk,	J. Scott,
Brooke,	Kelly,	Speer,
Blair,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Campbell,	Miller,	Turner,
Dunlop,	M'Pherson,	Wharton,
Erwin,	Power,	Welles,
Fisher,	Preston,	Williamson. 35.
Hall,	Palmer,	

N A Y S.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Hendricks,	Messrs. Rose,
Coolbaugh,	Harris,	Raum,
Cunningham,	Huflon,	Strickler,
Eyre,	Ingels,	Shoemaker,
Ewalt,	Krause,	Snyder,
Frailey,	Linnard,	Sample,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Udree,
Forster,	Logan,	Van Horne,
Gehr,	Mewhorter,	Worrell,
Hopkins,	M'Dowell,	Wright,
Horne,	Penrose,	Wilfon,
Hartzell,	Rugh,	Weaver. 36.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Coolbaugh asked and obtained leave of absence for two weeks from Monday next.

Mr. Stover asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days from Monday next.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, January 26th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Rugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Westmoreland, praying that John Findley, Esquire, be authorized to erect and maintain a mill-dam in, and a ferry on, the river Kiskiminetas, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Wright, Mr. Rugh, Mr. Sample and Mr. Huflon, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to vest " in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, " as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Hannum, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what proceedings have been taken in laying off and securing the land granted for the use of public schools, as ordered by the act of Assembly passed the 7th day of April, 1786, entitled " An Act for the future endowment " of Dickinson college, and for securing part of the unappropriated lands " belonging to this state, as a fund for the endowment of public schools," and report if such lands have been secured, and how much thereof has been appropriated, and to what seminaries.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county " of Northampton."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I have the honour to return the bill, entitled " An Act to regulate " the general elections within this commonwealth," which the Senate hath passed; and the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An " Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support " of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster," which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

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The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster," to wit.

SECT. I. in the enacting clause, line 1, strike out the word "*therefore*;" strike out from the word "*That*," in line 4, to the word "*the*," next preceding the word "*Directors*," in line 7; line 11, next after the word "*Directors*," insert the words, "*not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres of the land purchased in the county of Chester, nor two thirds of the land purchased in the county of Lancaster*;" and strike out the proviso.

SECT. II. line 10, strike out the word "*which*," and in place thereof insert the word "*as*."

Strike out the preamble of the bill.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee of the whole House, made yesterday, on the report of the committee appointed to consider the propriety of authorising the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania to subscribe to the loan proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury, viz. "*that they had agreed to the resolution therein contained*," was read, and

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Power, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Stocker,
Albright,	Hofstetter,	Strickler,
Brown,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Stewart,
Barclay,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Brooke,	Kelly,	Speer,
Blair,	Kennedy,	Sample,
Campbell,	Miller,	Taylor,
Dunlop,	Martin,	Turner,
Erwin,	M'Pherson,	Wharton,
Fisher,	Power,	Watson,
Forster,	Preston,	Welles,
Hall,	Palmer,	Williamson. 43.
Hemphill,	Raum,	
Hannum,	Seckel,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Cunningham,	Messrs. Follmer,	Messrs. Harris,
Eyre,	Horne,	Huston,
Ewalt,	Hartzell,	Ingels,
Frailey,	Hendricks,	Krause,
		N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Udree,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver.

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So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stocker, Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Kennedy be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee of ways and means, on the report of a committee on the memorial of the Marine and City Hospitals, read the 16th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Lyle and Mr. Weaver be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Mr. Hannum asked and obtained leave of absence for four days from Monday next.

Mr. Hemphill asked and obtained leave of absence for four days from Monday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."
2. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State."

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, January 28th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from a number of the citizens of this state, praying that the laws for the prevention of vice and immorality may be made more efficient, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

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Mr. A. Scott presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Erie, in the county of Allegheny, praying that the lands reserved by the state, adjoining the towns of Erie and Waterford, may be divided into small tracts, and sold to the highest bidder, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. A. Scott and Mr. Forster, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act authorising the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise Ulrich Kessinger, his heirs and assigns, to maintain a dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of Berks," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, February 6th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the report of a committee on the petition of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-Office, read the 16th instant, was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday, February 7th next, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act to erect the township of Wharton, in the county of Fayette, into a separate election district, and to annex the township of Manallin, in said county, to the Union election district," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will, in the present instance, dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin town, in the county of Mifflin," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will, in the present instance, dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

On the question,—"*Shall it be transcribed for a third reading?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Watson and Mr. A. Scott, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
Albright,  
Buckley,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Forster,  
Hopkins,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keys,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Miller,  
M'Pherfon,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Raum,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Sample,  
Turner,  
Worrell,  
Wilfon,  
Williamson,  
Weaver.

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N A Y S.

Messrs. Brown,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Cunningham,  
Eyre,  
Fisher,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Kirk,  
Kelly,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Preston,  
Palmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wright.

28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

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The bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster," read the 26th instant, were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The motion made by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Hannum, and read the 26th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Buckley, Mr. Power and Mr. Sample be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the immediate erection of a house of employment, and for the support of the poor, in the county of Delaware, and to render the maintaining of the poor thereof a county charge," was read the second time.

And on the question,—*" Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

To postpone the consideration thereof until Friday, February 15th next.

On the question,—*" Will the House agree to postpone?"*

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, February 7th next, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entituled “ An Act to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other “ water-works,” and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill from the Senate, entituled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the river “ Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right there- “ of in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns,” and that it be the order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, seconded by Mr. Linnard, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire into, and report to this House, the state of the books of the Receiver-General of the Land-office, and what duties have been done, on which he founds his claim for *extra* clerk-hire.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, January 29th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Conrad presented three petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Upper Hanover, Marlborough, Upper Salford and Franco-nia, in the county of Montgomery, praying that the said townships be erected into a new election district, and that the inhabitants thereof be permitted to hold their general elections at the House of Jacob Zeiber, in Marlborough township aforesaid, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Members from the county of Mont-gomery, to report thereon.

Mr. Turner presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of York, praying that measures may be taken to have James Crofs, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in the said county, removed from office, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Forster, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Blair and Mr. Horne, to report thereon.

Mr. Bull presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Chester, praying that the laws for the suppression of vice and im-morality be made more efficient, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union Academy, in the county of Northampton, was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expenses of completing the building of a Presbyterian Meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to erect the township of Wharton, in the county of Fayette, into a separate election district, and to annex the township of Manallin, in said county, to the Union election district," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said first bill, and that it be the first order for that day.

The motion made by Mr. A. Scott, seconded by Mr. Linnard, and read yesterday, relative to the books of the Receiver-General of the Land-office, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. A. Scott, M. Erwin and Mr. Campbell be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, February 6th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The motion made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Keys, relative to the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, and read the 21st instant, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

The said Benjamin Brannon, in consequence of a notification from the Speaker, appeared, with Mr. Dallas and Mr. Levy, his counsel.

A motion was then made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Keys, To postpone the further consideration of the said resolution for the present. Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, seconded by Mr. Keys, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That Benjamin Brannon furnish this House with his answer to the specific charges exhibited against him, and contained in the report of the committee presented to this House on the 18th instant, by Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk furnish the said Benjamin Brannon with a copy of the said resolution.

The resolution relative to the removal of Benjamin Brannon recurring,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act for regulating " the fisheries in the river Susquehanna, and its branches, and the river Juniata, and the branches thereof."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 30th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Abalom Baird, Esquire, appearing in the House, took and subscribed the oaths directed by the eighth article of the constitution of this commonwealth, and the act of the United States passed the first day of June, 1789.

Mr. Hall presented a petition from the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, praying the Legislature to grant them the city lot, the property of this commonwealth, bounded west by the river Schuylkill, and north by High-street, permitting its value to be placed in bridge shares in the fund towards



towards freeing the bridge, or cause the same to be sold and conveyed to them at a reasonable price, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bull, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Buckley, to report thereon.

Mr. Krause presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the village of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, praying to be incorporated, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Dauphin, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Haines and Miles, in the county of Northumberland, praying that a new county be erected out of the counties of Northumberland, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Lycoming, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Sample presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Versailles, Erwin and Deer, in the county of Allegheny, praying for new election districts, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Sample, Mr. Ewalt and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Joseph Knight, stating, that in 1774 he sold a tract of land to a certain Oswald Eve, and for the payment of a part of the purchase money he took bonds and a mortgage on the premises; that the said Eve went away with the British, and his estate was confiscated; that in consequence thereof the State hath paid him a certain sum, which does not equal his claim, and praying compensation, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, owners of lands in the county of Wayne, praying that the county of Wayne may not be divided, nor the seat of justice removed, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle Smithfield, Lower Smithfield and Hamilton, in the county of Northampton, praying that the House of Jacob Stroud, in Lower Smithfield

Smithfield township aforesaid, be the place for holding the general elections for that part of the fourth district of Northampton county, which hath not been included in the county of Wayne, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Members from the county of Northampton, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 23d instant, the petition from the village of Frankford, praying to be incorporated, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had under consideration the subject of the petition, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomin creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, February 8th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, February 7th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, February 4th next, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to grant James Moore, of Allegheny county, a fractional part of the tract of land reserved for the use of the  
" State,

“ State, lying at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, on the Ohio,” and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for regulating the fisheries in the river Susquehanna and its branches, and the river Juniata and the branches thereof,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The fifth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keys, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz. “ *and provided that nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to prevent two or more seines being run in any pool or fishing-place in the river Susquehanna, from the mouth of Juniata to the Maryland line, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.*”

Which was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to regulate the fisheries in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the Commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to compensate their respective County Treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of Assembly, entitled “ An Act for erecting a Loan-office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton.

2. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleat-

ing the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin.

3. An Act to erect the township of Wharton, in the county of Fayette, into a separate election district, and to annex the township of Manallin, in said county, to the Union election district.

4. An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, " entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, January 31st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.

2. An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Wayne county, accompanied with sundry resolutions, praying that the said county of Wayne may not be divided, nor the seat of justice removed, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the upper part of the county of York, praying, that if the said county be divided, the seat of justice may by law be fixed in some central part of the proposed new county, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Keppele be added to the committee appointed yesterday, on the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Middle Smithfield, Lower Smithfield and Hamilton, in the county of Northampton.

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The committee on claims, to whom was refered, December 27th last, the report on the petition of John Hazelwood, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears that on the 24th day of July, 1780, the Supreme Executive Council address'd circular letters to the commissioners of purchases, in the following words, viz.

" We depend very much on your care and attention ; and as the Assembly has given us a power to increase the allowance for your services, we shall use the same for your benefit, according to the services rendered."

In consequence of this the petitioner immediately employed three assistants, which enabled him to make large collections of provisions, and forward them to the army.

In the year 1781 his accounts were settled in the Comptroller's office, and he was allowed one hundred and thirty-two pounds, which he had paid to the assistants employed in this service.

In 1784 he was called upon by John Nicholson, the Comptroller-General, to return or refund the sum of one hundred and thirty-two pounds specie, which had been allowed for the said assistants, because no specific appropriation had been made by law for this service, and the money was accordingly refunded by him.

There can be no hesitation in believing, that if he had made application to the Executive Council in the first instance, but that a warrant would have issued in his favour, and the money paid out of the Treasury.

The committee conceive themselves warranted in this sentiment, as it will appear, by the minutes of Council, that a warrant was drawn in favour of Colonel Bull for thirty-five pounds, for Mr. Dehaven, who acted as his assistant, and another in favour of Nicholas Lutz for three hundred pounds, for *extra* allowances.

Both Colonels Bull and Lutz were employed as purchasing Commissioners, acting under similar orders and authorities with the petitioner, so that there can be no doubt but the Supreme Executive made those payments for *extra* services, in conformity to the encouragement held out in their circular letter of the 24th July, 1780, nor can it be doubted, if the Comptroller-General had refused to admit this charge at the settlement of his account in 1781, but that Mr. Hazelwood would have applied to the said Council, and met the same reward with his brethren ; but three years had elapsed before he was called upon to refund.

Under this view of the subject, the committee are of opinion that the claim is a just one, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted : They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorise the Governor to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of this commonwealth, in favour of John Hazelwood, for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid out of the funds appropriated for the support of government.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to enable the Commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to compensate their respective County Treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of Assembly, entitled " An act for erecting a Loan-office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Wharton, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Raum,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 41.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 30.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the same, by striking out lines 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and line 16, to the word "*par*," inclusive.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hendricks,	Messrs. Penrose,
Boileau,	Harris,	Rugh,
Cunningham,	Huston,	Rose,
Conrad,	Ingels,	Shoemaker,
Eyre,	Krause,	Snyder,
Ewalt,	Linnard,	Van Horne,
Frailey,	Lyle,	Wright,
Follmer,	Logan,	Wilson,
Horne,	Mewhorter,	Weaver. 29.
Hartzell,	M'Dowell,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Seckel,
Albright,	Hofstetter,	Stocker,
Bull,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Brown,	Kirk,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Barclay,	Kelly,	Speer,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Blair,	Miller,	Turner,
Campbell,	Martin,	Udree,
Dunlop,	M'Pherfon,	Wharton,
Erwin,	Power,	Worrell,
Fisher,	Preston,	Watson,
Forster,	Palmer,	Welles,
Hall,	Raum,	Williamson. 42.

So it was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution relative to the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, postponed the 29th instant.

Mr. Levy read, and presented to the Chair, an answer to the specific charges, reported the 18th instant, against the said Benjamin Brannon.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said resolution, relative to the removal of the said Benjamin Brannon from office, be postponed until to-morrow,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for repealing all the existing laws on these subjects."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Barclay asked and obtained leave of absence until Tuesday next.

Mr. Kirk asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, February 1st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from James Philips, in behalf of himself and others, stating, that they have it in contemplation to improve the navigation of the Big Moshannon Creek, from the mouth thereof to the distance of twelve miles above Philipsburgh, and praying to be authorized to demand and receive a toll from those passing up and down the said stream, to exist for a limited time, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. McDowell presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Washington, praying for two new election districts, agreeably to the bounds by them given, and that they be permitted to hold their general elections at the houses now occupied by William McCoy and Robert Taylor, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Members from the county of Washington, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Kennedy presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying, that if the said county be divided, the seat of justice of the proposed new county may be fixed by law, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from the committee of wards for the city of Philadelphia, and the committee for the district of Southwark, and of the townships of the Northern-Liberties and Moyamensing, praying that the duties arising from the sales at auction, and such other funds as may be deemed adequate to the purpose of furnishing the city and suburbs with a plentiful and permanent supply of wholesome water, may be granted, one moiety to the City Corporation, and the other moiety to the Canal Company, or in such other proportions as may be judged expedient, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act more effectually to prevent and punish any lawless intrusion and entry into and upon the territory of this commonwealth,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The committee appointed January 24th last, to join the committee of the Senate, and burn the several emissions of paper money then in the Treasury, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, attended at the Treasury on January 30th last, when Peter Baynton, Esquire, Treasurer, delivered to them the following bills of credit, viz.

*Of the emission of April 20th, 1781.*

3	Bills of 100s each	£ 15	0	0
4	60s	12	0	0
16	50s	40	0	0
2	40s	4	0	0
7	30s	10	10	0
5	20s	5	0	0
6	15s	4	10	0
8	10s	4	0	0
4	5s	1	0	0
10	2s6	1	5	0
4	2s		8	0
3	1s6		4	6
6	1s9		4	6
9	1s6		4	6
6	1s3		1	6
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*Of the emission of March 16th, 1785.*

49	Bills of 20s each	49	0	0
123	15s	92	5	0
195	10s	97	10	0
315	5s	78	15	0
178	2s6	22	5	0
79	1s6	5	18	6
82	1s9	3	1	6
75	1s3		18	9
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All which bills of credit the committee have counted, burned and destroyed, according to law.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Logan read in his place a bill, entitled " An Act to declare certain " roads within this commonwealth to be state roads, and to provide for the " repairing, maintaining and supporting the same ;" and having obtained leave, presented the same to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Logan, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Bull, Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Mewhorter, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Baird, Mr. Hufton, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Forster, Mr. Welles, Mr. Blair, Mr. Sample, Mr. Harris, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Martin and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the President, Directors and " Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United " States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars," was read the third time.

On the question,—"*Shall this bill pass?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Mewhorter, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hoftetter,  
Keppele,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Raum,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 40.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Hufton,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Snyder,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Wilson,  
Weaver.

31.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to compensate their respective county Treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of Assembly, entitled “ An Act for erecting a Loan-office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Stocker presented the annual accounts of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution relative to the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, and

After some time spent therein,

Adjourned until half past four o'clock, P. M.

E O D E M D I E. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The resolution relative to the removal of Benjamin Brannon being again under consideration,

After some time spent therein,

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, February 2d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunlop presented a representation and propositions from Alexander Cobean, Agent of the inhabitants of Getty's-town, and its vicinity, stating, that if the county of York should be divided, the said Getty's-town, in point of situation and natural advantages, will be the place most eligible for the seat of justice of the proposed new county, and proposing, on condition the said seat of justice be so fixed,

1st. A conveyance of the ground-rent on the town-lots, in trust for the benefit of the new county; also a convenient lot of ground for a gaol.

2d. A bond, executed by nine sufficient freeholders, securing the payment of seven thousand dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expence of the public buildings; which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that an alteration may be made in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address, relative to that subject, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

2. An Act to enable the Commissioners of the different counties within this commonwealth to compensate their respective County Treasurers, for services rendered by them under the act of Assembly, entitled " An Act for erecting a Loan-office for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars."

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution for the removal of Benjamin Brannon, and

After some time spent therein,

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, February 4th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Luzerne, praying that Lachawana creek, in the said county, be declared a public highway, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Erwin and Mr. Snyder, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the west end of York county, praying, that if the said county be divided, some central place be fixed by law for the seat of justice of the proposed new county, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from George Welles, of the county of Luzerne, praying to be by law authorised to erect a wing mill-dam in the Susquehanna river, at Tioga point, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Rose and Mr. Watson, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the fisheries in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I have the honour to present a bill, entitled "An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to return the bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of completing the building of a Presbyterian Meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin," which the Senate hath passed.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution for the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office.

And on the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Wharton, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Aibright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Baird,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Fisher,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Power,  
Preston,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 57.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Linnard,  
Logan,  
Penrose,  
Rose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Worrell. 11.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Preston and Mr. Hendricks be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act declaring Little Schuylkill " a public highway," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act more effectually to prevent " and punish any lawless intrusion and entry into and upon the territory of " this commonwealth," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 12th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens " in certain cases to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, without amendment.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, "entituled " An Act for incorporating the trustees of the Ministers and Elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Van Horne asked and obtained leave of absence for three days.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, February 5th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that the judiciary system of the State be altered, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Preston presented a memorial and remonstrance from a committee appointed by the inhabitants of the six upper townships of Wayne county, stating their objections to the petition and resolutions of a number of the inhabitants of Wayne county, presented the 31st of January last, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom the aforesaid petition and resolutions were referred, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Bank of North-America, praying a renewal of their charter, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. Ingels, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from Henry Kuhn and John Herfch, of the county of York, praying, that if the said county be divided, some central place in the proposed new county may be fixed by law for the seat of justice, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that the Legislature, so far as their powers extend, will endeavour to procure a repeal of the alien and sedition laws of the United States, or any other laws which may be repugnant to or en-

croachments on the constitution of the United States, or of this State, which was read, and

On the question,—“ *Shall this petition lie on the table?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Penrose, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Baird, Boileau, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Hopkins, Hostetter, Horne, Hartzell,	Messrs. Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Mewhorter, Miller, Martin, M'Pherson, M'Dowell, Penrose, Rugh,	Messrs. Rose, Raum, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, Speer, Sample, Udree, Worrell, Wright, Willon, Williamson, Weaver. 43.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Bull, Brown, Buckley, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster,	Messrs. Hall, Hemphill, Hannum, Keppele, Keys, Kelly, Power, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,	Messrs. Stocker, Stover, Strickler, J. Scott, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Welles. 29.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And on motion, and by special order, the said petition was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the committee of the whole House, to whom the resolutions from the State of Kentucky were refered.

The committee to whom was refered, December 19th last, the bill, entitled “ An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Caln, in the county of Chester,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The



The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, December 22d last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying for legislative aid to compleat a road from Waynesburgh, in the county of Greene, to the State line, in a direction to the town of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, made a report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the premises into their consideration, and are of opinion, that as the said road passes through a mountainous part of this State, and if opened would facilitate the passage of travellers to the western territory, it is highly worthy of legislative aid; but as the finances of the State are now low, they offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the subject matter contained in the said petition be recommended to the attention of the next Legislature.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase " and hold real estates within this commonwealth," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the " city of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious " diseases, and for repealing all the existing laws on these subjects."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " An Act to regulate the fisheries in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for " the erection of houses, for the employment and support of the poor in " the counties of Chester and Lancaster."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 6th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Kennedy presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the west end of York county, praying, that if the said county be divided, the seat of justice of the proposed new county be fixed by law, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Upper Bald Eagle, in the county of Mifflin, praying that a new county be erected out of the counties of Northumberland, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Lycoming, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Harris, Mr. Blair, Mr. Welles and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

The committee appointed to prepare and report an Address to the Governor, for the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

*To THOMAS MIFFLIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

*The SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, respectively, represent,*

**T**HAT whereas Benjamin Brannon now holds the office of an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Delaware: And whereas the conduct of the said Benjamin Brannon, relative to some of the circumstances attending the recovery of a part of the money of which the Bank of Pennsylvania had been robbed, has lately been such, as totally destroys that confidence which is necessary in the character of a Judge: They therefore, considering it their constitutional duty, do earnestly recommend you to remove the said Benjamin Brannon from the aforesaid office.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, and on the petition, read yesterday, from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported, that the committee of the whole House had had the same under consideration, and instructed him to report the following resolutions, viz.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the people of the United States have vested in their President and Congress, as well the right and power of determining on the *intent* and construction of the constitution, as on the ordinary subjects of legislation, and the defence of the Union; but as, in forming such construction, *errors* may intervene, have committed to the Supreme Judiciary of the nation the high authority, of ultimately and conclusively adjudging thereon, and of correcting all improper administrations of the constitution, and *cases* of apparent *error*. The constitution does not contemplate,

contemplate, as vested or residing in the Legislatures of the several States, any *right* or *power* of declaring, that any act of the General Government "is not law, but is altogether void, and of no effect," and this House considers such declaration as a revolutionary measure, destructive of the purest principles of our state and national compacts.

2d. That it is with deep concern this House observes, in any section of our country, a disposition so hostile to her peace and dignity, as *that* which appears to have dictated the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky. We think that questions of so much delicacy and magnitude might have been agitated in a manner more conformably to the character of an enlightened people, flourishing under a government adopted by themselves, and administered by the men of their choice.

3d. That this House view, as particularly inauspicious to the genuine principles of liberty and good government, the formal declaration by a Legislative body, that "confidence is every where the parent of despotism, and that free governments are founded in jealousy." The prevalence of such an opinion cuts asunder all the endearing relations in life, and renews, in the field of science and amity, the savage scenes of darker ages. Governments truly republican and free are eminently founded on opinion and confidence; their execution is committed to representatives, selected by voluntary preference, and exalted by a knowledge of their virtues and their talents. No portion or section of the people can assume the province of the whole, nor resist the combined will of the whole expressed. This House therefore desires to proclaim and protest against principles, calculated only to check the spirit of confidence, and overwhelm with dismay the lovers of peace, liberty and order.

4th. That this House consider the laws of the United States, which are the subjects of so much complaint, as the rules of civil conduct, and as component parts of a system of defence against the aggressions of a nation, aiming at the dominion of the world, conducting her attacks more by the arts of intrigue, than by her skill in arms—never striking, until she has deeply wounded or destroyed the confidence of a people in their government—and, in fact, subduing more by the infamous aids of seduction, than by the strength of her numerous legions. The sedition and alien acts this House conceive contain nothing terrifying, but to the flagitious and designing. Under the former, no criminality can be inferred or punishment inflicted, but for writing, printing or publishing false, scandalous and malicious aspersions against the government, either House of Congress, or the President of the United States, with an *intent* to defame and bring them into contempt. Under the latter, the citizens of Pennsylvania have not any thing more to fear, inasmuch as its operation will only remove foreigners, whose views and conduct are inimical to a government, instituted only for the protection and benefit of the citizens of the United States, and others, whose quiet and submission give them some claim to the blessing. Yet these laws are subjects of loud complaint. But this House forbears an examination into the cause, and only expresses its surprise that such an opposition to them exists! Our country's dearest interest demands every where unanimity and the return of harmony in her councils, and this House is unable to discover any means more propitious to the benevolent design, than confidence in the wise and

honest labours of those, in whose hands is reposed the sacred charge of preserving her peace and independence. The voice and discretion of the *greater number* the constitution declares shall pronounce the national will ; but, in the opinion of this House, the provision is vain, unless it be followed by the unfeigned and practical acquiescence of the minor part. Should the majority be led astray, time and the public opinion, in their mild and gradual operations, will admonish them of their error, and bring them back to truth and justice. Loud and concerted appeals to the passions of the community are calculated to produce discussions more boisterous than *wise*, and effects more violent than useful. Our prayer therefore is, that our country may be saved from foreign war and domestic strife.

5th. That it is the opinion of this House, that it ought not to concur in the design of the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, February 7th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Luzerne county, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve a road from the Great Bend of the river Susquehanna to the river Delaware, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying, that if the said county be divided, the seat of justice may be fixed by law in some central part of the proposed county, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying, that if the said county be divided, the seat of justice of the proposed new county may be fixed on John Murphy's farm, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, January 23d last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the village of West-Chester, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom were referred, January 16th last, the petitions of a number of the citizens of the northern parts of Allegheney county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That whereas the Legislature passed a law in April 1793, authorising the Governor to have a road laid out from the Bald Eagle's Nest, in the county of Lycoming, to Presqu'isle, on lake Erie, which road has been laid out in part.

The committee are of opinion that the road above mentioned will meet the approbation of the petitioners, and be of primary importance, as it will be the means of facilitating the communication with the extreme parts of the State, and will tend to encourage the settlement and improvement of a large and valuable tract of country, through which it passes.

The committee are happy to find that the last Legislature particularly recommend the above road, as claiming a preference of legislative aid, on account of its general utility; and in order to obtain the great object contemplated, they therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated, for the purpose of laying out the remaining part of said road, opening and perfecting the same, from the Bald Eagle's Nest to Le Boeuf, and that the Governor be authorized to draw a warrant on the State Treasurer for the above sum.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, January 26th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Westmoreland county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that, as far as it relates to the erection of a dam across said river, the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising John Findley to erect a dam across said river, to be constructed in such manner, that the navigation thereof be not impeded, nor the rights of individuals injured.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of accounts made a report in part, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have settled the account of Christian Dull, junior, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, for his pay, mileage and expences, in serving a subpoena on Mark Wilcox, Esquire, a witness against Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, and find that there is due to him fifteen dollars: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of this commonwealth, in favour of Christian Dull, junior, for the sum of fifteen dollars.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the Board of Inspectors of the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia (communicated by the Governor January 25th last) be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Albright, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Lyle, to report thereon.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, “ in removing his prisoners from the Debtor’s Apartment to the county of “ Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever ;” and “ An Act to incorporate the Insurance Company of the city of Philadelphia ;” and to return two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act to continue “ in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled A further Supplement to the “ act, entitled “ An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the “ commonwealth, and for other purposes ;” and “ A Supplement to the “ act, entitled “ An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace “ in this State,” which the Senate have passed, with amendments, to all which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a new “ county.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Buckley asked and obtained leave of absence for four days.

Adjourned until ten o’clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y,

F R I D A Y, February 8th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying that the poor of the said county be made a county charge, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of York, to report thereon.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from Jonathan Wallace, stating, that he was fined and imprisoned for an assault and battery committed upon the Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, whilst in the execution of the duties of his office; that the said fine was remitted by the Governor, but before he received intelligence thereof it was paid into the Treasury of the county; and praying a law may be passed, authorising him to draw the said fine out of the Treasury, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Forster, Mr. Turner and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

Mr. Follmer presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the upper end of Montgomery county, praying that a toll-bridge may not be erected over the Perkiomin creek, in the said county, in the place contemplated by a bill now pending, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, January 30th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the village of Lebanon, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the books of the Receiver-General of the Land-office, and what duties have been done, on which he founds his claim for *extra* clerk-hire, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having satisfactorily examined the books and other records in the office of the Receiver-General, they are of opinion, that the current business of his office had from time to time so considerably increased, as to render it wholly impracticable to keep the books and papers thereof in that state of forwardness and arrangement, which the convenience of individuals and the interests of the public required, without extending the expence of clerk-hire beyond the sum appropriated for that purpose by the existing laws; that having also examined the charges for monies disbursed, together with the corresponding vouchers, they find that clerks were employed at moderate salaries, as the exigency of the case required.

The committee cannot dismiss this subject without making this further remark, that, besides the business which has already been brought up, the books and records of the Receiver-General's office appear to them yet a considerable time backward and behind hand, and that it would be necessary and proper that additional clerks should be employed, for the purpose of bringing them forward into a compleat state of arrangement.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, January 9th last, the petition of John Morris, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having had the petition of Doctor John Morris under consideration, and after examining the evidence of his claim, they find he stands exactly in the same situation with Captain Henry Bedkin and Lieutenant Jacob Mytinger, who have received land from this state: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioner.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Washington, praying for new election districts, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise, reported a bill, entituled "An Act erecting two election districts in the county of Washington," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 18th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the report on the petition of John Hazelwood, read the 31st of January last, was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the village of Frankford, read January 30th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

" MR.



Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to return the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorize the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars,” which the Senate hath passed, with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bill and amendment to the Chair, he withdrew.

The report of the committee of the whole House on the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky was read the second time.

And the first paragraph being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 4 and 5 the words, “ *but as in forming such constructions, errors may intervene,*” and of lines 7 and 8 the words, “ *adjudging thereon, and of correcting all improper administrations of the constitution, and cases of apparent error,*” and inserting, in place of the words so stricken out, the word “ *and,*” and in place of the words so last stricken out the words, “ *deciding upon the constitutionality of all legislative acts.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To postpone the further consideration of the said report, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

Whereas all just governments are founded on the authority of the people, and their *will* ought to be the supreme law of the land; and as this House has evidence that the alien and sedition bills, as mentioned in the resolutions of Kentucky now under consideration, are obnoxious to a majority of the citizens of this commonwealth, and in the opinion of this House no tendency to produce harmony among their constituents, nor real advantage to the United States; and although the right of State Legislatures to declare obnoxious acts of the General Government null and void may be denied, yet this House have no doubt of their right to instruct the Senators from this State, in the Senate of the United States, to use their endeavours to procure the repeal of those laws; and as a number of citizens of this State, by their petition presented and read, have requested this House to use their influence to procure a repeal of the same: Therefore

*Resolved*, That the Senators of this State, in the Congress of the United States, be requested to use their utmost influence to procure a repeal of the same.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Cunningham, Conrad, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Horne,	Messrs. Hartzell, Harris, Ingels, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Shoemaker, Snyder, Udree, Worrell, Weaver. 26.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster, Hall, Hemphill, Hannum,	Messrs. Hopkins, Hostetter, Hendricks, Keppele, Keys, Kelly, Kennedy, Miller, Martin, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Raum, Seckel,	Messrs. Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, Stewart, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Wright, Welles, Williamson. 42.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Ingels,

To postpone the further consideration of the report, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

Whereas the Legislature of Kentucky have forwarded resolutions to the Legislature of this commonwealth, requesting their concurrence in declaring certain acts of Congress void and of no effect, and to unite in endeavouring to obtain a repeal of said acts: And whereas it is the opinion of this House, that neither the constitution of this State nor of the United States warrants such an interference in a legislative capacity: Therefore

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient for this House to concur in the wishes of the Legislature of Kentucky, as expressed in said resolutions.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose afore-said?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Boileau, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Cunningham, Conrad,	Messrs. Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr,	Messrs. Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Y E A S.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Ingels, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter,	Messrs. M'Dowell, Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Shoemaker, Snyder,	Messrs. Udree, Worrell, Wright, Williamson, Weaver. 29.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster, Hall, Hemphill,	Messrs. Hannum, Hopkins, Holtetter, Keppele, Keys, Kelly, Kennedy, Miller, Martin, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Raum,	Messrs. Seckel, Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, Stewart, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Welles. 39.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Logan,  
To amend the said paragraph, by striking out of line 2 the words, " *as well,*" and out of line 3 the words, " *on the intent and construction of the constitution.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Logan,  
To amend, by striking out of lines 11, 12 and 13, the words, " *and this House considers such declaration as a revolutionary measure, destructive of the purest principles of our State and national compacts.*"

Which was determined in the negative, and the paragraph, as amended, adopted.

Mr. Keys asked and obtained leave of absence for six days from to-morrow.

Mr. Wharton asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Stocker for five days.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, February 9th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Blair presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Huntingdon, praying that an alteration may be made in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Speech relative to that subject, to report thereon.

\* Mr. Penrose presented a memorial from the College of Physicians, stating several defects in the bill now pending, for securing the city and of port Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation," with sundry petitions on that subject, reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 19th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom were referred, January 30th last, the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Versailles, Erwin and Deer, in the county of Allegheny, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to erect two election districts in the county of Allegheny," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said Bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars," was read, as follows, viz.

SECT. I. line 11, strike out the word "*next*," and in place thereof insert "*instant*."

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendment.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon," and that it be the first order for that day.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole House, on the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky.

The second paragraph being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Ewalt,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 2 and 3 the words, "*so hostile to her peace and dignity, as that which appears to have dictated the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky,*" and to insert, in place of the words so stricken out, the words, "*to declare any laws of Congress null and void.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the paragraph, as amended?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Raum,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 38.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The third paragraph being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same, as amended?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Cunningham, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Raum,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 38.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The fourth paragraph being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same, as amended ?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Linnard and Mr. Ingels, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*,  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stover,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 37.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The fifth paragraph being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Fisher,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hopkins,  
Hoftetter,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
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Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Rugh,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Worrell,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Welles,  
Weaver. 65.

So it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To amend the report, by inserting the following paragraph between the fourth and fifth.

5th. “ That it is the opinion of this House, that the principles contained in the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky are evidently calculated to  
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diffuse a spirit of discontent and dissatisfaction among the citizens of the United States, to weaken their confidence in the government of their choice, and to destroy every consideration of attachment and patriotism, which ought to bind a dutiful citizen to his country."

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Wharton, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.			Y E A S.			Y E A S.		
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. Stover,						
Albright,	Hopkins,	Strickler,						
Bull,	Hofstetter,	A. Scott,						
Brown,	Keppele,	J. Scott,						
Brooke,	Kelly,	Speer,						
Blair,	Kennedy,	Taylor,						
Campbell,	Miller,	Turner,						
Dunlop,	M'Pherson,	Wharton,						
Erwin,	Power,	Welles.						31.
Fisher,	Preston,							
Hall,	Seckel,							
N A Y S.			N A Y S.			N A Y S.		
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Harris,	Messrs. Rugh,						
Boileau,	Huston,	Rose,						
Cunningham,	Ingels,	Raum,						
Conrad,	Krause,	Shoemaker,						
Ewalt,	Linnard,	Stewart,						
Frailey,	Lyle,	Snyder,						
Follmer,	Logan,	Sample,						
Forster,	Mewhorter,	Udree,						
Horne,	Martin,	Worrell,						
Hartzell,	M'Dowell,	Wright,						
Hendricks,	Penrose,	Weaver.						33.

So it was determined in the negative, and the resolution, as amended, is as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the people of the United States have vested in their President and Congress, as well the right and power of determining on the intent and construction of the constitution, as on the ordinary subjects of legislation, and the defence of the Union; and have committed to the supreme judiciary of the nation the high authority of ultimately and conclusively deciding upon the constitutionality of all legislative acts. The constitution does not contemplate, as vested or residing in the Legislatures of the several states, any right or power of declaring that any act of the general government “ is not law, but is altogether void, and of no effect ;” and this House considers such declaration as a revolutionary measure, destructive of the purest principles of our State and national compacts.

That it is with deep concern this House observes, in any section of our country, a disposition so hostile to her peace and dignity, as that which appears



pears to have dictated the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky. Questions of so much delicacy and magnitude might have been agitated in a manner more conformable to the character of an enlightened people, flourishing under a government adopted by themselves, and administered by the men of their choice.

That this House view, as particularly inauspicious to the genuine principles of liberty and good government, the formal declaration by a legislative body, "that confidence is every where the parent of despotism, and that free governments are founded in jealousy." The prevalence of such an opinion cuts asunder all the endearing relations in life, and renews, in the field of science and amity, the savage scenes of darker ages. Governments truly republican and free are eminently founded on opinion and confidence; their execution is committed to representatives, selected by voluntary preference, and exalted by a knowledge of their virtues and their talents. No portion of the people can assume the province of the whole, nor resist the expression of its combined will. This House therefore protests against principles, calculated only to check the spirit of confidence, and overwhelm with dismay the lovers of peace, liberty and order.

That this House consider the laws of the United States, which are the subjects of so much complaint, as just rules of civil conduct, and as component parts of a system of defence against the aggressions of a nation, aiming at the dominion of the world—conducting her attacks more by the arts of intrigue, than by her skill in arms—never striking, until she has deeply wounded or destroyed the confidence of a people in their government—and, in fact, subduing more by the infamous aids of seduction, than by the strength of her numerous legions. The sedition and alien acts this House conceive contain nothing terrifying, but to the flagitious and designing. Under the former, no criminality can be inferred or punishment inflicted, but for writing, printing, uttering, or publishing false, scandalous and malicious aspersions against the government, either House of Congress, or the President of the United States, with an intent to defame and bring them into contempt. Under the latter, the citizens of the United States have not any thing more to fear, inasmuch as its operation will only remove foreigners, whose views and conduct are inimical to a government, instituted only for the protection and benefit of the citizens of the United States, and others, whose quiet and submission give them some claim to the blessing. Yet these laws are subjects of loud complaint. But this House forbears an examination into the cause, and only expresses its surprise that such an opposition to them exists! Our country's dearest interest demands every where unanimity and harmony in her councils, and this House is unable to discover any means more favourable to those important objects, than confidence in the wise and honest labours of those, in whose hands is reposed the sacred charge of preserving her peace and independence. The voice of the greater number the constitution declares shall pronounce the national will; but in the opinion of this House the provision is vain, unless it be followed by the unfeigned and practical acquiescence of the minor part. Loud and concerted appeals to the passions of the community are calculated to produce discussions more boisterous than wise, and effects more violent than useful. Our prayer therefore is, that our country may be saved from foreign war and domestic strife.

That it is the opinion of this House, that it ought not to concur in the design of the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Strickler,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be signed by the Speaker, and that the Governor be requested to transmit the same to the Governor of Kentucky.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

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M O N D A Y, February 11th, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation.

1. An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.
2. An Act to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.
3. An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Franks-town branch of the Juniata.
4. A Supplement to an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of Houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster."

Mr. Rugh presented a petition from Jacob Huff, stating some difficulties which have arisen to the transfer of a piece of land, purchased by him from a certain John Devos, and praying aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Wright and Mr. Rugh, to report thereon.

Mr. Worrell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Oxford, in the county of Philadelphia, praying that the said township be erected into a new election district, and that the inhabitants thereof be permitted to hold their general elections in the village of Frankford, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from Matthias Keely, owner of certain lots in the town of Milford, in the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be not removed, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Huston,  
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Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The fifth paragraph being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Fisher,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,  
Kelly,  
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Linnard,  
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So it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To amend the report, by inserting the following paragraph between the fourth and fifth.

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diffuse a spirit of discontent and dissatisfaction among the citizens of the United States, to weaken their confidence in the government of their choice, and to destroy every consideration of attachment and patriotism, which ought to bind a dutiful citizen to his country."

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Wharton, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Bull, Brown, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Hall,	Messrs. Hemphill, Hopkins, Hostetter, Keppele, Kelly, Kennedy, Miller, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Seckel,	Messrs. Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Welles. 31.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Cunningham, Conrad, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks,	Messrs. Harris, Huston, Ingels, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Martin, M'Dowell, Penrose,	Messrs. Rugh, Rose, Raum, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, Sample, Udree, Worrell, Wright, Weaver. 33.

So it was determined in the negative, and the resolution, as amended, is as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the people of the United States have vested in their President and Congress, as well the right and power of determining on the intent and construction of the constitution, as on the ordinary subjects of legislation, and the defence of the Union; and have committed to the supreme judiciary of the nation the high authority of ultimately and conclusively deciding upon the constitutionality of all legislative acts. The constitution does not contemplate, as vested or residing in the Legislatures of the several states, any right or power of declaring that any act of the general government “ is not law, but is altogether void, and of no effect ;” and this House considers such declaration as a revolutionary measure, destructive of the purest principles of our State and national compacts.

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That it is the opinion of this House, that it ought not to concur in the design of the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Strickler,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be signed by the Speaker, and that the Governor be requested to transmit the same to the Governor of Kentucky.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation.

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Mr. Rugh presented a petition from Jacob Huff, stating some difficulties which have arisen to the transfer of a piece of land, purchased by him from a certain John Devoss, and praying aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Wright and Mr. Rugh, to report thereon.

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Mr. Fisher presented a petition from Matthias Keely, owner of certain lots in the town of Milford, in the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be not removed, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the committee already appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. J. Scott presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, praying that John Huston, of the village of Fannettburgh, be authorized to raise, by lottery, the sum of eight hundred dollars, for the purpose of repairing the road from Miller's Spring to Pittsburgh, where it crosses the Chittatinna mountain, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to the Members from the county of Franklin, to report thereon.

The committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the Wyoming controversy, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That in their opinion the dignity of the State is combined with the interest of individuals, in accelerating the settlement of a controversy, which has existed for so long a time.

Upon recurring to the proceedings of former Legislatures, they have found that some of the impediments, which have prevented an earlier termination of this important dispute, have arisen from blending the case of those, who have settled upon the lands at Wyoming antecedent to the decree of Trenton (by which decree the right of jurisdiction was definitively decided to be in Pennsylvania) with the case of persons, who have intruded upon the territory of the State subsequent to the date of that decree.

The committee are of opinion, that in point of justice the cases are materially different, and ought to be distinctly considered.

They therefore recommend to the House, in the first instance, to endeavour to effect an extinguishment of the title of the Pennsylvania Claimants to the lands within what are commonly called the seventeen townships, and which were generally settled by the Connecticut Claimants antecedent to the decree aforesaid. When the State have *re-acquired* the title, it will then be in her power to dispose of the lands to the Connecticut settlers upon such terms, as may comport with right and justice.

With this view the committee submit the following resolutions to the consideration of the House, viz.

1st. *Resolved*, That compensation be offered to the Pennsylvania Claimants, for the lands claimed by them in the seventeen townships aforesaid.

2d. That disinterested commissioners be appointed, authorized and required, to ascertain the different qualities of the lands being within the seventeen townships claimed as aforesaid, designating them by first, second and third qualities; that for lands of the first quality the sum of *per* acre, for lands of the second quality the sum of *per* acre, and for lands of the third quality the sum of *per* acre, be offered, as a compensation to such of the Pennsylvania claimants, as have paid the purchase money for the lands claimed by them in the townships aforesaid.

3d. That to such of the Pennsylvania claimants, as have not paid the purchase money as aforesaid, but who have only paid the price of location, there be offered the said price of location, with interest from the time such payment was made.

4th. That to such of the Pennsylvania claimants, as may accede to the above proposals within a time to be limited by law, certificates be issued to the amount of the value of their lands, when ascertained as aforesaid, which certificates shall, in all payments to be made at the Land-office, be receivable as specie; and the funds to be derived from the Land-office shall be appropriated to reimburse the amount of certificates which may be issued in pursuance hereof.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday, the 15th instant; that it be the first order for that day; and that one hundred copies be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes;" were read the first time, as follows, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."

SECT. I. line 4, next after the word "*That*," insert the words, "*so much of*;" line 8, next after the word "*fix*," insert the words, "*as provides for and directs an increase of the salary of the Deputy-Secretary*."

Title of the bill. Next after the word "*time*," insert the words "*part of*."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State," were read the first time, as follows, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State," to wit.

SECT. I. line 21, strike out the words, "*or any two of them*." Strike out from the word "*cases*," in line 25, to the word "*provided*," in line 29, and, in place of the words struck out, insert the words, "*Provided nevertheless, that if the damages so found by the referees shall not amount to more than one dollar, the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall not recover more costs than damages*." And strike out the word "*nevertheless*," in line 29, and in place thereof insert the word "*also*."



SECT. VII. line 6, next after the word "*amended,*" insert the words, "*and the second section of the act, entitled " An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled " An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight."*

Strike out the preamble.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to incorporate the Insurance Company of the city of Philadelphia," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Wednesday, the 20th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a separate county."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Keppele be added to the committee, to whom were refered the petitions for the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Somerset.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, February 12th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported, that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars." And

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in the county of Mifflin, praying to be authorised by law to hold their general elections at the public school-house in Mifflin-town, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Snyder, to report thereon.

Mr. Boileau presented a petition from Joseph Hart, owner of certain lots in the town of Milford, county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be not removed, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Hall presented a petition from Benjamin Hodgdon, a holder of lots in the town of Milford, county of Wayne, of a similar tenor to the last, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Stover presented a petition from John Sees, praying compensation for military services performed in the revolutionary war of the United States, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Mr. Keys presented a petition from Andrew Tryer, of a similar tenor to the last, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Sample presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Erwin, in the county of Allegheny, praying to be erected into an election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom were referred the petitions from the said county for new election districts, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Shamokin, in the county of Northumberland, praying to be erected into an election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Follmer and Mr. Shoemaker, to report thereon.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Mifflin, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve a road from Kithicoquillas Valley to Penn's Valley, in the said county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The committee of accounts made a further report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have settled the account of Samuel Bengé, for contingent expenses for this House, and find there is due to him the sum of thirty-four pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of this commonwealth, in favour of Samuel Bengé, for the sum of thirty-four pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes," read yesterday, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State," read yesterday, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The report of the committee appointed to prepare and report an address to the Governor, for the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, read the 6th instant, was read the second time, and adopted.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a copy of the said address, together with the specification of charges against the said Brannon, and his answer thereto, be transmitted to the Senate.

The bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act providing " that the person of a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt, " after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, unless he hath " been guilty of fraud or embezzlement," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the said bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth;” and informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendment on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars;” and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled “ An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin;” and the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.”

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 13th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin.

2. An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Frailey presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Berks county, praying that an alteration be made in the judiciary system of the State, which were read, and

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On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Luzerne, praying that permission may not be given to erect a dam in the river Susquehanna, from Tioga-point to the island opposite, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Rose and Mr. Watson, to report thereon.

Mr. Worrell presented a petition from the Trustees of a school near the Rising-Sun tavern, in Philadelphia county, praying permission to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of five hundred dollars, for the benefit of the said institution, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Lower Smithfield, Middle Smithfield, Hamilton, Chesnut-hill and Towamensing, in the county of Northampton, praying that the said townships may not be separated from the said county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Shamokin township, in Northumberland county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the subject matter committed to them under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in Mifflin county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for changing the place of holding elections in the district composed of the townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in the county of Mifflin.

And

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned committee be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee to whom was referred, the 11th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Oxford, in the county of Philadelphia, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to divide the Buffeltown election district, in the county of Philadelphia," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 8th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of York county, praying that the poor of the said county be made a county charge, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the said petition under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and just: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, making provision for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of York.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act providing that the person of a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt, after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, unless he hath been guilty of fraud or embezzlement," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union Academy, in the county of Northampton," which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union Academy, in the county of Northampton."

Next

Next after section I. insert a new section, to wit.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, directed and required to draw a warrant on the Treasurer of Northampton county, in favour of the Trustees of Northumberland academy, in the county aforesaid, for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid out of the arrearages of taxes due by the said county to the commonwealth, to be applied by the said trustees in completing and finishing the building for the accommodation of the said institution.

Make SECT. II. SECT. III. and in line 2, make "*academy*" "*academies*;" in line 5, strike out the word "*seven*," and in place thereof insert the words, "*five in each academy*;" and in line 6, next after the word "*in*," insert the words "*either of*," and make "*academy*" "*academies*."

Insert another new section, to wit.

SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, directed to draw a warrant on the Treasurer of Cumberland county, in favour of the Trustees of Dickinson College, for the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid out of the arrearages of taxes due by the said county to the commonwealth, to be applied by the said Trustees to the use of the said College.

Strike out the Preamble.

Strike out the word "*Therefore*, in the enacting clause.

Title of the bill. Strike out the words, "*Union Academy, in the county of Northampton*," and in place thereof insert the words, "*certain seminaries of learning within this commonwealth*."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a separate county," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Turner,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 13, next after the word "*line*," the words, "*so as to exclude the township of Hanover and its outlots*."

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Kennedy, ending with the word "*Hanover*."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the first part of the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question,—"*Will the House agree to the second part?*"

It was determined in the negative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 12 the word "*Gettysburgh*," and inserting in place thereof the words, "*at the Low Dutch meeting-house, near the forks of the road.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Bull, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Hopkins, Hartzell,	Messrs. Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Miller, Martin, M'Dowell, Penrose,	Messrs. Rugh, Rose, Strickler, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Sample, Udree, Van Horne, Watson, Wright, Williamson, Weaver.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Campbell, Erwin, Forster, Hall,	Messrs. Hemphill, Hannum, Hofstetter, Kirk, Keys, Kelly, M'Pherson, Preston,	Messrs. Seckel, Stocker, A. Scott, Speer, Taylor, Turner, Welles.

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So it was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Forster, and seconded by Mr. Bull,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 11 the word "*second*," and inserting the word "*third*," in place thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "*An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough.*"

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr.



Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair two messages from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same were read, as follow, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. An ACT to erect the town of Greensburgh, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.

II. A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of Houses for the employment and support of the poor in the counties of Chester and Lancaster."

III. An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata river.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, February 9th, 1799.*

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. An ACT to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

II. An ACT for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, February 13th, 1799.*

The report in part of the committee of accounts, read yesterday, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainder over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be

“ be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses,  
 “ but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and that it be the first order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, “ lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and “ between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” and that it be the first order for that day.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, February 14th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horne presented a petition from Lawrence Erb, late an officer in the militia of this State, praying for five years full pay, in lieu of half pay, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

Mr. Martin presented a petition from Elizabeth Hunt, widow and administratrix of Isaac Seely, deceased, late of the county of Northumberland, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing due the said Isaac Seely, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that an alteration may be made in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 5th instant, the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of North-America, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled “ An Act to continue an act, entitled “ An Act “ to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America,” which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 28th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, January 2d last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Dauphin, in favour of Christian Bear,

Bear, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Christian Bear to erect a mill-dam in Swatara creek, in the county of " Dauphin," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to divide the first election district in Northumberland county, and for " changing the place of holding elections in the district composed of the " townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in Mifflin county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Friday, the 22d instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to erect an election district in the county of Allegheny," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled " An Act to declare certain roads within this commonwealth to be State roads, and to " provide for the repairing, maintaining and supporting the same," reported a bill, entitled " An Act for repairing and maintaining the public roads within " this commonwealth," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Tuesday, the 26th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Hemphill read in his place a bill, entitled " An Act for reviving " suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts " of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery," and, having obtained leave, presented the same to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Monday, the 25th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a separate county," was read the third time.

On the question,—*" Shall the said bill pass ?"*

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Keppele, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hall,  
Hopkins,  
Hartzell,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 52.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Campbell,  
Fisher,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Kelly,  
Power,  
Palmer,  
A. Scott,  
Turner,  
Welles. 18.

So it was determined in the negative.

*Ordered*, That it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Seckel, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of Albright and Lahn, the printers of the Journal of this House in the German language, for the sum of eight hundred dollars, on account.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for repealing all the existing laws on these subjects," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To

To amend the same, by inserting, in line 69, next after the word "*and*," where it last occurs, the words, "*the Governor is hereby authorised and required.*" Strike out of the same line the words "*Health-office;*" strike out of line 70, the words "*Quarantine-Master,*" and insert in place thereof the word "*and*;" and add to the same line the words, "*the said Board shall have power to appoint an Health-Officer, Quarantine-Master, and.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend, by striking out lines 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and part of 25, to the word "*shall*," inclusive, and to insert, in place of the words so stricken out, the following, viz. "*immediately after the passing of this act, and on the last Monday in every year thereafter, three or more of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, residing in the Northern-Liberties, shall appoint three citizens of their township, three or more Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid county, residing in the district of Southwark and the township of Moyamensing, shall appoint three citizens of their district and township, and the Mayor, or Recorder, and three Aldermen of the city of Philadelphia shall appoint six citizens of the said city, to be a Board of Health, and the Board of Health for the time being shall.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The second, third and fourth sections were agreed to, and then

The House adjourned until half past three o'clock, P. M.

E O D E M D I E. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "*An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for repealing all the existing laws on these subjects.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by adding thereto the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XXVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for three years, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

Ordered, That the title thereof be, "*An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases,*" and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

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The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise Ulrick Keffinger, his heirs and assigns, “ to maintain a dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of Berks.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mewhorter asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days from to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkins asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that this House had concured the amendments by the Senate on the following bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes.”
2. A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State.”

And that he had presented an Extract from the Journal, relative to the Address to the Governor for the removal of Benjamin Brannon from office, and also the papers directed to be transmitted to the Senate on that subject.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, February 15th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Preston presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Delaware, praying that a law may not pass, to authorise the erection of a poor-house in the said county, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Follmer presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Amity, Douglass, Earl, Colebrookdale, District and Hereford, in the county of Berks, praying to be erected into one election district, and to hold their general elections at the house of Henry Keely, in the township of Douglass afore said, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed January 2d last, to join a committee of the Senate, to examine into the state of the Pennsylvania Hospital, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have performed that service, and have the satisfaction to observe that the house was kept clean, and every department was in excellent order,

order, the patients therein being as comfortably provided for, as circumstances would admit of in their unhappy and afflicted condition.

The total number of patients admitted last year was two hundred and forty-two, of whom one hundred and forty-eight were pay, and ninety-four were poor patients: Among them were one hundred and two lunatics, or such as were deprived of their understanding. Of those two hundred and forty-two persons, ninety-three were cured, thirty-two were relieved, seven were taken out by their friends, or at their request, thirty-four died, two eloped, five were sent to the house of employ, and sixty-nine remained, in all two hundred and forty-two.

The number in the hospital at the time the committee visited the house were seventy-three, of whom twenty-eight were poor, and forty-five were pay patients, of which seventy-three persons about fifty were lunatics.

Besides those admitted into the House, the committee find, that, during the last year, two hundred and twenty out-patients were attended from the Hospital at their private dwellings, all of whom were poor, and consisted of strangers and others, to whom advice and medicines were administered *gratis*. Of those two hundred and twenty, one hundred and seventy-six were cured, twelve were relieved, nineteen died, two were removed, and twenty remained under care.

Many of those patients having the small-pox, measles, yellow fever, and other infectious diseases, made it improper to admit them into the Hospital, for which reason they were attended at their own homes.

The productive capital stock at interest this year, at six *per cent.* is twenty thousand three hundred and seventy-eight pounds twelve shillings and two-pence, which exceeded the capital of last year in the sum of seventy-eight pounds three shillings and six-pence.

In going through the building, the committee had to observe with great pleasure, that fifty-eight very convenient rooms are provided in the western apartments for lunatics, all of which are arched with brick, and made very secure against fire and other accidents; but they could not observe without concern the unfinished state of the centre building, in which they apprehend there is a danger that much of the valuable work that is already done, at a great expence to the State, will be liable to suffer, if it is not completed in the course of the ensuing year.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 7 and 8 the words, "*freeholders inhabitants*," and inserting, in place of the words so stricken out, the word "*citizens*."

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?*”

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Blair,

To amend, by inserting in line 7, between the words “ *freeholders inhabitants,*” the words, “ *who shall be citizens of this State, and.*”

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 11 the word “ *freeholders,*” and inserting the word “ *citizens,*” in place thereof.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. M’Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Horne,	Messrs. Rose,
Albright,	Hartzell,	Raum,
Bull,	Hendricks,	Seckel,
Buckley,	Harris,	Stocker,
Baird,	Huston,	Stover,
Boileau,	Ingels,	Strickler,
Blair,	Keppele,	Shoemaker,
Campbell,	Kirk,	Stewart,
Coolbaugh,	Kennedy,	Snyder,
Cunningham,	Krause,	Speer,
Dunlop,	Linnard,	Sample,
Eyre,	Lyle,	Taylor,
Erwin,	Logan,	Turner,
Ewalt,	Miller,	Udree,
Fisher,	Martin,	Van Horne,
Frailey,	M’Pherson,	Worrell,
Follmer,	M’Dowell,	Wright,
Forster,	Penrose,	Wilson,
Hemphill,	Power,	Welles,
Hannum,	Preston,	Williamson,
Hopkins,	Palmer,	Weaver. 65.
Hofstetter,	Rugh,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. A. Scott. 3.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR.



“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to return the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate  
“ and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for  
“ other purposes therein mentioned,” which the Senate hath passed, with  
an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bill and amendment to the Chair, he withdrew.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Address relative to the Wyoming controversy.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Hemphill asked and obtained leave of absence for one week from to-morrow.

Mr. Horne asked and obtained leave of absence for one week from to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days from to-morrow.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act providing that the person of a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt, after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, unless he hath been guilty of fraud or embezzlement.”

2. An Act for erecting part of the county of York into a separate county.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, February 16th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Wignell and Reinagle, proprietors of the New Theatre in Philadelphia, praying that so much of the bill for the prevention of vice and immorality, now pending, as prohibits all theatrical amusements, be not passed into law, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of Wayne county, respecting the division of that county, and the removal of the seat of justice, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That

That they have attentively considered the different matters therein stated, and particularly the great hardships suffered by the inhabitants of the six upper townships, in consequence of the seat of justice being fixed at Milford, a situation so remote from the centre and improving part of the county, and separated from it by an extent of barrens from twenty-five to forty miles in width, that it is almost impracticable for the people to attend the courts of justice.

The committee are of opinion, that, in order to alleviate these grievances, the seat of justice of Wayne county ought to be removed from the town of Milford to some suitable spot, at or within four miles of the Dyberry fork of the Lachawaxen, and that the inhabitants of the six upper townships ought to pay the expence necessarily incurred by the commissioners appointed to fix the seat of justice and erect public buildings, and also to pay the purchase money of the lots sold at auction by the said commissioners; and that until public buildings shall be erected at or near the forks of Lachawaxen, the courts shall be held at the mansion house at Wilton-Ville. They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, in conformity to the foregoing principles.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 13th instant, the petition of the Trustees of the school near the Rising-Sun tavern, in the township of the Northern-Liberties, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had under consideration the said petition, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of apprentices," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 27th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read, as follows, viz.

Amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

SECT. III. lines 85, 86 and 87, strike out the words, "*in the place or stead of those who shall resign their places, or who shall die,*" and in place thereof insert the words, "*to supply any vacancies that may happen by death, resignation, or otherwise,*"

And

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendment.

The bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I have the honour to present a bill, entitled "An Act to appoint and authorise Commissioners to sell the house intended for the accommodation of the President of the United States, and the adjacent ground, the property of this commonwealth, and for other purposes relative to the said building," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill, entitled "An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Dunlop, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the same, by inserting, in line 8, next after the word "*afore-said*," the following, viz. "*and the electors of each county town, not erected into a borough, township or district, which now is or hereafter may be erected within this commonwealth, shall annually, on the same day and place when and where they meet to choose Supervisors of the highways, elect two suitable persons, inhabitants thereof.*"

Which was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant

“ fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To fill the blank with the words, “ *thirty-two thousand four hundred and eighty.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh,

To postpone the further consideration of the said section, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed forthwith to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of the Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, or the Board of Health, as the case may be, for the sum of ten thousand dollars; and, as soon as conveniently may be after the first day of May next, to draw his other warrant or warrants on the State Treasurer, in favour of the said Managers, or the Board of Health, as the case may be, for such sum or sums as will be sufficient to repay the balance then due, as well on account of the said principal sum, as of the interest thereon accrued; which warrants shall be paid by the State Treasurer, out of any monies in the treasury of this commonwealth not otherwise specially appropriated, and shall be applied by the said Managers to discharge and pay the said principal sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars, and the interest which shall have accrued thereon.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose afore-said?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Coolbaugh, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.		Y E A S.		Y E A S.	
Messrs. Albright,		Messrs. Coolbaugh,		Messrs. Martin,	
Bull,		Hofstetter,		M'Pherson,	
Buckley,		Harris,		M'Dowell,	
Baird,		Kelly,		Weaver.	12.
N A Y S.		N A Y S.		N A Y S.	
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>		Messrs. Erwin,		Messrs. Huston,	
Brown,		Ewalt,		Keppele,	
Barclay,		Fisher,		Kirk,	
Brooke,		Frailey,		Kennedy,	
Blair,		Follmer,		Krause,	
Cunningham,		Forster,		Linnard,	
Conrad,		Hall,		Lyle,	
Dunlop,		Hartzell,		Logan,	
Eyre,		Hendricks,		Penrose,	
					N A Y S.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Worrell,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 51.

So it was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the commonwealth be directed to lay before this House a copy of the decree of the Commissioners at Trenton, on the claim of the State of Connecticut to lands in the northern parts of this State; of the report of the Commissioners appointed by the act, entitled "An Act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons, called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and, generally, of all other papers in his office relating to the Wyoming controversy.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

MONDAY, February 18th, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Leonard Neale, Vicar-general of the Roman Catholic church, and Matthew Carr, Pastor of St. Mary's church, of the same communion, praying to be authorized by law to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the church of St. Augustine, in the city of Philadelphia, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from Philip Thomas, stating that he purchased, and proceeded to improve, a tract of land on Cuswago creek, in Allegheny county, but, before he had completed the improvement according to law, his good intentions were arrested by the loss of his sight, which he fears will endanger his legal claim to the said land, and therefore praying relief, which was read, and

On

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Power and Mr. Martin, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from a meeting held in Philadelphia, representing the religious society of Friends, called Quakers, in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware, and the eastern part of Maryland, praying for the total abolition of slavery within this commonwealth, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Linnard, Mr. Preston, Mr. Keys, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hoftetter, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Cunningham, to report thereon.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the petition of James Philips, in behalf of himself and others, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That, upon enquiry, they find that the land of Messrs. Philips and Co. reaches within about fourteen miles of the mouth of Muthannon creek; that their land includes the said creek, for about sixteen miles; that the land on each side of the creek, between its mouth and the land of Messrs. Philips and Co. is generally mountainous and barren. The committee are of opinion that the opening and improving the navigation of that creek, in the manner proposed by the memorialist, will facilitate the settlement and improvement of the lands lying in the back parts of Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, without being injurious either to the public or to individuals: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill, conformably to the terms mentioned in his petition.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to appoint and authorize commissioners to sell the house intended for the accommodation of the President of the United States, and the adjacent ground, the property of this commonwealth, and for other purposes relative to the said building," was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 26th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia"

“ Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, seconded by Mr. Wharton, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire into, and report to this House, the propriety of making the office of Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of this State a salary office, and directing that the fees of the said office be paid into the State Treasury.

*Ordered*, That Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Bull, Mr. Welles, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Weaver be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Seckel, and read the 14th instant, in favour of Albright and Lahn, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Ewalt, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal the act, entitled “ An Act to prevent the sale of lottery tickets within this commonwealth,” passed the 20th day of January, 1792.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh, and read, as follows, viz.

Whereas the act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and “ for other purposes therein mentioned,” will expire in a short time: And whereas the provisions contained in said act appear to be very salutary: Wherefore

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the “ act, entitled “ An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of “ Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to authorize the Courts of Quarter “ Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other “ water-works.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported that the committee had negatived the said bill.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, February 19th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."
2. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State."

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Dunlop presented a petition from the trustees of the Chambersburgh academy, in the county of Franklin, praying for their proportion of the land appropriated for public schools, and other aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Buckley, Mr. Power and Mr. Sample, to report thereon.

The message from the Governor, received yesterday, was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth;" and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which it originated.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, February 15th, 1799.*

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorize Ulrich Kiffinger, his heirs and assigns, to maintain a dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of Berks," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, "An Act to authorise Ulrich Kessinger, his heirs and assigns, to maintain a wing-dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of Berks," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and read, as follows, viz.

Whereas a considerable loss has been sustained, for want of the Clerks of the Land-office being kept in employ during the time the city of Philadelphia was visited with the malignant contagious disease, commonly called the yellow fever, in the years 1793, 1797 and 1798: And whereas the books of the Secretary and Receiver-General of the Land-office are considerably behind, and it would be to the advantage of the State to have them brought up: And in order to remedy the evil, it would be right and proper to authorise the Secretary and Receiver-General of the Land-office (in case the malignant disease should return to the city) to procure a convenient place somewhere in the country, and remove such of their books and papers as they think proper, and keep the Clerks employed in bringing up such of their books as may be in arrear: Therefore

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the Secretary and Receiver-General of the Land-office (in case the malignant contagious disease, commonly called the yellow fever, should return to the city) to take some convenient house in the country, and remove such books and papers, as they may deem necessary to enable them to keep their Clerks in employ, respectively, to bring up such of their books as may be found in arrear.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee of the whole House, made yesterday, on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Courts of Quarter Sessions to permit and regulate the erection of dams for mills and other water works," viz. "*That they had negatived the bill,*" was read.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The report of the committee on claims, on the report on the petition of John Hazelwood, read the 31st January last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hannum, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Huston be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee on the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Wayne, read the 16th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Kennedy be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between

“tween Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” and that it be the first order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 27th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled “An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money by toll for completing a bridge over the Perkiomin creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading,” and that it be the first order for that day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dunlop reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Tuesday, March 5th next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.

2. An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the district of Southwark.

3. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 20th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Senate, that this House had concurred the amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled “An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the borough of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned;” and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled “A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes.”

2. A Supplement to the act, entitled “An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State.”

Mr.

Mr. Hartzell presented a petition from a number of the officers of the militia in the county of Northampton, praying for an alteration in the militia law of this State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the part of the Governor's Address relative to that subject, to report thereon.

The committee of claims, to whom was referred, December 17th last, the petition of Francis Mentges, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears to the committee that the petitioner was absent from the State, in the service of the United States, and had not an opportunity of making his claim within the time prescribed by the act of Assembly of November, 1789, barring all claims not presented by the first day of January, 1791.

It also appears to the committee that this compensation was not made in consequence of any requisition of Congress, but flowed from the bounty of the State, and of course not at any time chargeable to the general government, from whence it may be reasonably inferred that the State could not be injured by any delay which has taken place.

The committee are further of opinion, that a claim thus founded in justice should not be barred by any act of limitation, and are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted: And for this purpose, they submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorizing the Comptroller-General to settle the accounts of the said Francis Mentges, late Colonel in the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to an act of Assembly passed the first day of March, 1780, and to grant a certificate for such sum or sums of money as shall be found due to him; and to authorize the Governor to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of this commonwealth for the same, which warrant shall be paid out of the money in the Treasury unappropriated, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, the 31st December last, the report on the petition of Anthony Wright, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioner into consideration, and are of opinion, that as the commissioners for trying gun-powder, who were appointed by the act, entitled "An Act providing for the inspection of gun-powder," passed the 18th day of April, 1795, have employed an inspector not contemplated by the Legislature, nor mentioned in the said act, whereby *extra* expences have been accumulated, this commonwealth ought not to be subjected to the payment thereof, otherwise a precedent may be established for commissioners or agents, appointed under other laws, to proceed conformably to private opinion in respect of expenditures, and erroneously believe future Legislatures are bound to repay the same: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, January 30th last, the petition of Joseph Knight, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That Joseph Knight, in the year 1774, sold to Oswald Eve a tract of land, situate near Frankford, in Philadelphia county, for one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five pounds.

On the sixth of March, 1775, said Knight executed a deed in fee for the said land to Oswald Eve, and on the seventh said Oswald mortgaged the same land to Knight, for the payment of one thousand two hundred pounds, with interest from the first of May, 1775, and at the same time gave to said Knight his three bonds, with warrants of attorney to confess judgments thereon, as concurrent securities.

On the twenty-third of May, 1796, Oswald Eve gave to J. Knight a fourth bond, with a warrant of attorney to confess a judgment thereon, for six hundred pounds, being the residue of the consideration money for said land, payable the first of June, 1776.

In the year 1778 Oswald Eve was attainted of high treason, and his estate forfeited to the commonwealth, and the lands aforesaid were advertised for sale by the agents for confiscated estates, upon notice of which J. Knight applied to the Executive Council to direct the same to be sold subject to the mortgage aforesaid, the equity of redemption being the only estate said Eve had in the land. The Executive Council not allowing the application of said Knight, the said land was sold, exonerated of all claims.

By virtue of an act of Assembly of this commonwealth, passed March 30th, 1785, J. Knight filed his claim in the Supreme Court, which decreed, on January 22d, 1784, that there was due to said Knight, on the said mortgage, one thousand two hundred pounds, with interest from the first of May, 1775; and on the six hundred pounds bond three hundred and thirty-six pounds, with interest from the twenty-fifth of July, 1776, together with thirty-five shillings costs.

The Comptroller-General being authorized by said act to issue certificates for claims against forfeited estates, decreed by the Supreme Court, issued accordingly to said Knight certificates to the amount of one thousand eight hundred and ten pounds ten shillings and six-pence, bearing interest from the first of July, 1783, which was less than the sum decreed him by four hundred and forty-three pounds six shillings and ten-pence, for which sum, with interest from the first of July, 1783, said Knight applies to the Legislature for payment.

The committee are of opinion that the claim of Joseph Knight upon this commonwealth is founded in equity, and that in consequence of the decree of the Supreme Court in his favour, the State is bound to make compensation: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to provide for the compensation of Joseph Knight in the sum of four hundred and forty-three

three pounds six shillings and ten pence, with interest from the first of July, 1783.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of claims, to whom were refered the petitions of William Henderfon, John M'Kinney and Samuel Bryson, praying compensation for arrearages of cloathing, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears to the committee that the petitioners aforesaid were officers in the late Pennsylvania line, and as such were entitled to certain gratuities of cloathing for services rendered, by the act of Assembly passed the first day of March, 1780; but it also appears that by a subsequent act, passed in November, 1789, that all claims for such cloathing must have been presented before the first day of January, 1791, else they could not be allowed. To comply with this limitation, a variety of causes appeared to prevent the said petitioners, which the committee are of opinion ought not at this time to operate against them.

The committee feel a confidence in the justice of the said petitioners' claim, and think no act of limitation ought to prevent their being allowed: They are also of opinion that the provision for cloathing, made by the act of 1780, was from the mere bounty of the State, and not from any requisition of Congress, and never could be charged to the general government, and consequently no injury has arisen to the State from the petitioners not having applied at a more early time.

The committee therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted, and submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the Comptroller-General to settle the accounts of the several petitioners, late officers in the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to an act of Assembly passed the first day of March, 1780, and to grant a certificate for such sum or sums of money, as shall be found to be due them severally, and to authorise the Governor to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of this commonwealth for the same, which warrant or warrants shall be paid out of the money in the Treasury unappropriated, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom were refered the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the north-western part of the State, and the bills taken from the files of the late House, on the subject of the reserved lands and forfeited lots in and adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Waterford and Warren, in the county of Allegheney, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners into consideration, as well as the subject matter of the bills taken from the files of the late House, and are of opinion that the laws passed by different Legislatures for the laying out and selling the lots in the towns above mentioned, together with the several reservations thereto adjoining, have not had the goods effects contemplated.

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The committee are sensibly impressed with the situation of that country, inasmuch as the population thereof has in a great measure been impeded by the operation of the existing laws, and private individuals materially injured. Presuming that legislative interference is absolutely necessary, in order to facilitate the settlement and improvement of a considerable part of the country, and particularly the towns above mentioned, they offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, for the sale of the reserved lands and forfeited lots in and adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Waterford and Warren, and to make such alterations in the town of Erie as they may think expedient, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act in favour of John Hazelwood," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorise Ulrich Kiffinger, his heirs and assigns, to maintain a wing-dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of Berks," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee on that part of the Governor's Address, relative to the Wyoming controversy.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y,

T H U R S D A Y, February 21st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ewalt presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Allegheny, praying for a new county, agreeably to the boundaries by them given, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present, for concurrence, a bill, entitled “ An Act  
“ for altering and erecting certain election districts within this common-  
“ wealth.”

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee on that part of the Governor's Address relative to the Wyoming controversy.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Brown asked and obtained leave of absence for one week.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, February 22d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the state, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from William Irwine, praying compensation for Montour's island, in the river Ohio, from which he has been ejected by a due course of law, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Keppele, Mr. Power, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Harris, to report thereon.



The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, taken from the files of the late House, entitled " An Act to compensate the heirs and devisees of John Rankin, late of York county, deceased," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, March 5th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes," which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, December 19th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying for aid to open and improve a road over the Broad Mountain, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners into consideration, and agree with them that that part of the great road leading from Philadelphia to Northumberland, known by the name of the Roushing Gap road, is the most eligible route over the Broad Mountain, it being the same which was heretofore approved of and recommended by Commissioners, appointed by government, as the best route over said mountain. And inasmuch as no public money has ever been expended on the same, the committee conceive themselves warranted to recommend the granting a small sum of money, to second and forward the laudable effort of such individuals, who have by voluntary subscriptions in part opened the said road: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated in aid of the said road, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be the order for that day.



The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commowwealth," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, March 2d next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The letter from Peter Baynton, State Treasurer, read January 15th last, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the said letter, and the statement therewith transmitted, be refered to the committee on ways and means, to report thereon.

The letter from Samuel Bryan, Register-General, read January 15th last, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the said letter, with the annual statement therewith transmitted, be refered to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

The motion made by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh, relative to the Board of Wardens' act, read the 18th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Penrose and Mr. Linnard be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee on the petition of John Findley, read the 7th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee on the petition of James C. M'Grew, read January 25th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The petition of Caleb Davis, read January 11th last, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be refered to Mr. Preston, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Bull, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Van Horne, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled " An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof," was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be refered to the last mentioned committee, to report thereon.

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Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee on the Wyoming controversy.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported that the committee had negatived the first resolution of the said report.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, “ lying between the middle of                      street and the river Delaware, and “ between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” and that it be the first order for that day.

Mr. Taylor asked and obtained leave of absence for four days.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise Ulrich Kiffinger, his heirs and “ assigns, to maintain a wing-dam in the river Schuylkill, in the county of “ Berks ;” and to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in “ the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Adjourned until eleven o’clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, February 23d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for felling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of “ Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes “ therein mentioned,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, “ and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

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The report of the committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee on the Wyoming controversy, made yesterday, viz. "*That they had negatived the first resolution therein contained,*" was read the second time, and

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the negative.

And the first resolution contained in said report being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following as a substitute, viz.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania, although desirous of terminating the unhappy dispute which has so long existed between many of the inhabitants of this State, commonly called Pennsylvania and Connecticut Claimants, concerning lands in the county of Luzerne, yet conceive they have not before them such sufficient and authentic documents, as to enable them to legislate on that subject, with justice to individuals, and safety to the State. To remove, however, as far as in their power, that difficulty out of the way of future Legislatures :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, on the following principles, viz.

1st. To authorise the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to repair to the county of Luzerne on or before the      day of      next, for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity and quality of lands held by Pennsylvania Claimants, prior to the decree of Trenton ; what lands are held by patent under the late Proprietaries, and under the commonwealth ; what lands are held by warrant, and to whom granted ; what lands are held by location ; what quantity is claimed by each individual, and what sums they have paid respectively. And the said Commissioners to designate the land by first, second and third qualities, estimating the probable value of the land of each quality in its original unimproved state.

2d. That the aforesaid Commissioners shall also ascertain the quantity and quality of lands held or claimed under what is commonly called Connecticut titles, which were actually settled before the decree of Trenton, according to the plan of the Susquehanna Company, or such as hold in right of such actual settlers ; the quantity claimed by each individual respectively, classing the same into first, second and third qualities, estimating the value of the land of each quality in its unimproved state as aforesaid.

3d. To enable the said Commissioners to determine the nature and extent of their several claims, the Pennsylvania and Connecticut Claimants shall be required to lay before them the evidence of their respective claims, with all the papers relative thereto, within a limited time.

4th. That the aforesaid Commissioners shall report to the next Legislature a particular and correct statement of the whole of their proceedings.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose afore-  
“ said ?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Preston, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.		Y E A S.		Y E A S.	
Messrs. Baird,		Messrs. Conrad,		Messrs. Snyder,	
Boileau,		Linnard,		Van Horne.	7.
Cunningham,					
N A Y S.		N A Y S.		N A Y S.	
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .		Messrs. Hendricks,		Messrs. Seckel,	
Albright,		Harris,		Stocker,	
Buckley,		Ingels,		Stover,	
Barclay,		Keppele,		Strickler,	
Brooke,		Kirk,		A. Scott,	
Blair,		Kelly,		Shoemaker,	
Coolbaugh,		Kennedy,		Stewart,	
Dunlop,		Krause,		J. Scott,	
Eyre,		Lyle,		Speer,	
Erwin,		Logan,		Sample,	
Ewalt,		Miller,		Turner,	
Fisher,		Martin,		Udree,	
Frailey,		M'Dowell,		Wharton,	
Follmer,		Penrose,		Wright,	
Forster,		Power,		Wilson,	
Gehr,		Preston,		Welles,	
Hall,		Palmer,		Williamson,	
Hannum,		Rugh,		Weaver.	58.
Hoftetter,		Rose,			
Hartzell,		Raum,			

So it was determined in the negative, and the resolution adopted.

The second resolution being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

To amend the same, by striking out the words, “ *have paid the purchase money for the lands claimed by them,*” and to introduce the following in lieu thereof, “ *hold or claim lands by virtue of any warrant, grant or location, which warrants, grants or locations have been executed, and actually return-  
ed, agreeably to the laws of this State.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Power,

Further to amend the same, by inserting in line 6, next after the word “ *acre,*” the words, “ *and for lands of the fourth quality the sum of*  
“ *per acre.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,  
To amend the report, by inserting an additional resolution, to be the third resolution.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

The third resolution in the report was negatived.

The fourth resolution was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Power,  
To amend the said report by an additional resolution, to be the fifth resolution.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Eyre,  
To amend the report by an additional resolution, to be the sixth resolution.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the resolutions were as follow, viz.

1st. *Resolved*, That compensation be offered to the Pennsylvania Claimants for the lands claimed by them in the seventeen townships aforesaid.

2d. That disinterested Commissioners be appointed, authorized and required, to ascertain the different qualities of the lands being within the seventeen townships claimed as aforesaid, designating them by first, second, third and fourth qualities; that for lands of the first quality the sum of *per* acre, for lands of the second quality the sum of *per* acre, for lands of the third quality the sum of *per* acre, and for lands of the fourth quality the sum of *per* acre, be offered, as a compensation to such of the Pennsylvania Claimants as hold or claim lands by virtue of any warrant, grant or location, which warrants, grants or locations have been actually returned, agreeably to the laws of this State, in the townships aforesaid.

3d. That the aforesaid Commissioners shall also ascertain the quantity of land held or claimed by each Connecticut Claimant, who was actually settled within the aforesaid townships before the decree of Trenton, according to the plan of the Susquehanna Company, or such as hold in right of such actual settlers, designating them by first, second, third and fourth quality, and that upon the said Connecticut Claimants agreeing to pay this State, by instalments, in *years*, the sum of *per* acre for land of the first quality, the sum of *per* acre for land of the second quality, the sum of *per* acre for land of the third quality, and the sum of *per* acre for land of the fourth quality, with interest upon each instalment until it is paid; and in order that the said Connecticut Claimants may obtain titles to the land held by them as aforesaid, the Surveyor-General shall be authorized to

to issue orders of survey to such of them as shall apply on or before the day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_, and direct the same to the Deputy-Surveyor of the county, who shall execute them as soon as may be in his power, and make returns thereof to the Surveyor-General, as the law directs in other cases, and patents shall be granted to them respectively, upon the payment of the office fees; provided that no orders of survey shall issue for any lands held or owned by the Pennsylvania Claimants, until their titles are first extinguished by conveyances of said lands to the commonwealth.

4th. That to such of the Pennsylvania Claimants, as may accede to the above proposals within a time to be limited by law, certificates be issued to the amount of the value of their lands, when ascertained as aforesaid, which certificates shall, in all payments to be made at the Land-office, be receivable as specie; and the funds to be derived from the Land-office shall be appropriated to reimburse the amount of certificates, which may be issued in pursuance hereof.

5th. That all such Pennsylvania Claimants, as shall not embrace the benefits of this act on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ next, shall forfeit the right of the provisions therein contained.

6th. And in order to enable the State to comply with its engagements to the Pennsylvania Claimants, that in case that any of the Connecticut Claimants should not comply with the provisions of the act, within \_\_\_\_\_ years, then, in such case, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this commonwealth to direct the sale of such of the lands of the Pennsylvania Claimants as have been conveyed to the commonwealth, and have not been conveyed to any of the said Connecticut Claimants, agreeably to the terms of the act; provided that the sale be made in the city of Philadelphia, at public auction, and advertised in one or more of the newspapers in the city at least six months before the sale.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Keppele,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the principles contained in the foregoing resolutions. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Frailey and Mr. Sample be a committee for that purpose.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate  
" that district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of  
" \_\_\_\_\_ street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink  
" creek."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned until three o'clock on Monday next, P. M.

M O N D A Y,

MONDAY, February 25th, 1799. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the bill now pending, for incorporating part of the Northern-Liberties, be not passed into a law, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kennedy presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, praying that the poor, and certain roads in the said county, be made a county charge, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Barclay presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Bedford county, praying that a toll may not be laid on the bridge over Dunning's creek, near the town of Bedford, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Barclay, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ewalt, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be not removed, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road over the Broad Mountain, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, into a separate county," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, March 11th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 8th instant, the petition of Jonathan Wallace, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Samuel Laird and others," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers," and that it be the first order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery," was read the second time.

On the question,—*"Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act to grant James Moore, of Allegheny county, a fractional part of the tract of land reserved for the use of the State, lying at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, on the Ohio," was read the second time.

On the question,—*"Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, entitled "An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and  
" the



“ the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia,  
“ when the Legislature shall be in session,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
“ whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report of the committee on roads and inland navigation, on the petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the northern parts of Allegheny county, read the 7th instant, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keppeler,

To amend, by striking out the words, “ *ten thousand dollars.*”

Which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

On motion

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the principle contained in the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Forster, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Ewalt be a committee for that purpose.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the  
“ river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right  
“ thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
“ whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, February 26th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled “ An  
“ Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands  
“ within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other  
“ purposes therein mentioned,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act empowering  
 “ certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract  
 “ of land situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of  
 “ Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the  
 “ purposes therein mentioned,” to which the Senate request the concurrence  
 of the House of Representatives; and to return the bill, entitled “ An Act  
 “ authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a  
 “ mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheney river, in the county of Alleg-  
 “ heney,” which the Senate have passed.”

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act empowering certain trustees,  
 “ therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land situate  
 “ in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania,  
 “ and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein  
 “ mentioned,” was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, March 12th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, the 21st of January last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Lycoming, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve a road from the town of Newbury to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the New-York line, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners under their consideration, and are of opinion that it ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, for laying out and opening the proposed road, from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the York State line, on condition that the petitioners raise the sum of three thousand dollars, to be applied in laying out and opening said road, which it is supposed will be adequate to the purpose of laying out and opening said road, and that the State refund the said sum, without interest, in one year after the said road is finished agreeably to contract.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The motion made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and read the 19th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Baird and Mr. Williamson be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bills pass.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature is in session,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery,” was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Saturday next.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act for repairing the public roads within this commonwealth.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the first section of the said bill, and

On motion, and by special order, the said report was read the second time, and adopted.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to appoint and authorise commissioners to sell the house intended for the accommodation of the President of the United States, and the adjacent ground, the property of this commonwealth, and for other purposes relative to the said building."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hemphill reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the first section of the said bill.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to incorporate the Insurance Company of the city of Philadelphia," and that it be the order for that day.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 27th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Delaware, praying that a law may not pass to authorise the erection of a poor house in the said county, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Horne presented a petition from the officers of the second regiment of the militia of Bucks county, stating sundry defects in the militia law of this State, and praying an amendment of the same, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Dunlop presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, praying that a sum of money be granted, out of the arrears of taxes of the said county, for opening and improving a direct road from Chambersburg towards Fort-Pitt, to fall into the State road at the top of Ray's hill, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The bill, entitled " An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use

“ use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs,  
 “ with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts  
 “ thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to  
 “ the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and  
 “ for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the  
 “ Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to  
 “ raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomink creek,  
 “ on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, entitled “ An Act in favour  
 “ of John Hazelwood,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
 “ whole House, on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the same being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Frailey,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act,  
 “ entitled “ An Act for the regulation of apprentices.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.”

2. An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.” And

And that he had returned the bill, entitled " An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, February 28th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."
2. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State."
3. An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Stocker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Chester, Berks and Montgomery, praying that a new county be erected out of the said counties, agreeably to the bounds by them given, and that the seat of justice of the proposed new county be at Potts-town, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the Members from the said counties, to report thereon.

Mr. Stocker presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the fifth election district, in the county of Montgomery, praying that the said district be erected into two election districts, and that the inhabitants thereof be permitted to hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Henry Kreps, in New-Hanover township, and at Potts-town, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the opening a road from the Bald Eagle's nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheney," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered,* That Friday, March 8th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

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The committee to whom was refered, January 18th last, the petition of Jesse Rankin, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entituled "An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entituled "An Act further to extend the act, entituled "A further Supplement to the act, entituled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, March 8th next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the first order for that day.

The committee on claims, to whom was refered, the 12th instant, the petition of John Sees, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the facts set forth in the petition have not been substantiated: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was refered, the 12th instant, the petition of Andrew Tryer, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the said Andrew Tryer never was enrolled in the tenth Pennsylvania regiment, but was a soldier of the Maryland line: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill from the Senate, entituled "An Act to provide for re-imbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtor's apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever," and that it be the first order for that day.

\* On motion,

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee, to whom was refered the report of the committee on the petition of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, postponed January 28th last, be the order for Monday next.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, intituled " A Supplement to an act, intituled An Act to regulate " hawkers and pedlars," and that it be the first order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, intituled " An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect and maintain a wing-dam or dams in the river Delaware," and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 13th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, intituled " An Act declaring the rivers Codorus and Conewago, in the county of York, public highways, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the first order for that day.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled " An Act in favour of John Hazelwood," postponed yesterday.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report of the committee on claims, to whom were referred the petitions of William Henderson, John McKinney and Samuel Bryson, read the 20th instant, was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday, March 8th next.

Agreeably to leave given yesterday, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, intituled " A Supplement to the " act, intituled An Act for the regulation of apprentices."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the first section of the said bill.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, intituled " An Act to provide for " the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

The bill, intituled " An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use " of this commonwealth," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the " whole House on the said bill?*"

It



It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the " Bank of North-America."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the " use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, " with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts " thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to " the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and " for other purposes therein mentioned."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, March 1st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Keys presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the borough of Lancaster, praying that the law, entitled " An Act for establishing " a nightly watch, providing lamps, and supporting pumps, for public use, " in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster," be repealed, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Members from the county of Lancaster, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the six upper townships in the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice in the said county be not removed, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Martin presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Lower Bald Eagle, in the county of Lycoming, praying that they may not be separated from the said county, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr.

Mr. Martin presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Lycoming, praying for the removal of the seat of justice of the said county, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Martin, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Welles, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Mewhorter, to report thereon.

Mr. McDowell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a new election district, agreeably to the bounds by them given, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from that county, to report thereon.

Mr. Ingels presented a petition from Samuel Walton, administrator to the estate of Arnold Richardson, deceased, praying to be authorized to convey a certain lot of ground, part of the estate of the said Arnold Richardson, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Ingels, Mr. Linnard and Mr. Conrad, to report thereon.

Mr. Frailey presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Berks county, praying that an alteration be made in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, December 27th last, the report on the petition of James Millegan and Hugh Lenox, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the said report ought not to be adopted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, January 15th last, the petition of Hannah Allman, widow of Lawrence Allman, deceased, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears to the committee that the said Lawrence Allman was regularly appointed and commissioned a Lieutenant in the first regiment of artillery belonging to the Pennsylvania line in the month of April 1777, and continued in service until the month of February, 1780, when there appearing to be too many officers for the men in the field, the said Lawrence Allman resigned his commission.

That on the 10th day of April following Congress resolved, that they would make good to the line of the army, and the independent corps thereof, the

the deficiency of their original pay, occasioned by depreciation, and that the money and articles paid, or to be paid thereafter, by Congress, or the States, should be deemed as advanced on account, until a liquidation of their accounts should take place; providing, however, that no person should be entitled to the benefit thereof, except such as were engaged during the war, or for three years, and were then in service, or should thereafter engage during the war.

That on the 18th day of December, in the same year, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed a law for carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect, whereby a scale of depreciation was fixed, and Auditors appointed to settle the pay of the officers and soldiers belonging to the Pennsylvania line, from the first day of January, 1777, to the first day of August, 1780; and the said Auditors were directed to estimate in specie all sums of continental money received in the aforesaid period, according to the aforesaid scale of depreciation, and issue certificates for the sums found due in specie; and further, that the said Auditors be empowered to settle the accounts of those who had died in service.

That the aforesaid Auditors settled the accounts of Lawrence Allman, and issued a certificate to him for the sum of three hundred and fifty-two pounds specie, for the depreciation of his pay, in pursuance of the aforesaid act, but the late Comptroller-General declined discharging the same, from an opinion that the act of Assembly did not extend to his case.

That as the aforesaid Lawrence Allman did not quit the service of his country while his services were needed, and as his resignation was no injury to the American cause, but more a matter of necessity than choice, and as his services were as meritorious, in proportion to the time he continued in the Pennsylvania line, as those who were engaged during the war, or for three years, and who were in service at the time of passing the aforesaid resolution of Congress in the month of April, 1780, the committee are of opinion that the claim of the petitioner is founded in justice, and that the act of Assembly of the 18th of December, 1780, was not intended to exclude from the benefit of the said act the claim of the petitioner; and the committee are further confirmed in that opinion, from the proceedings of the Auditors in settling the claim of the said petitioner, and issuing a certificate to him: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the Comptroller-General to settle the depreciation of the said Lawrence Allman's pay, and empowering the Governor to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer for the sum found due.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, the 21st of January last, the report of the committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland counties, praying that the road from Franks-town to Ligonier Valley may be altered, and that a sum of money be appropriated, in aid of private subscriptions, for the purpose of opening the same, and for repairing such other parts as may be necessary, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the committee have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the object of the petitioners is of considerable importance, not only as it will accommodate a number of thriving settlements to the west of the Allegheny mountain, but will be the nearest route for travellers from the north-eastern parts of this State to Pittsburgh, and the settlements up the Allegheny river, there being no other waggon-road across the Allegheny mountain further north-easterly : They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, appropriating the sum of eight hundred dollars for opening and improving said road.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act in favour of John Hazelwood,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present two extracts from the Journal of the Senate, and two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act in aid of the inhabitants of the borough of Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin;” and “ An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to return the bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon,” which the Senate hath passed; and the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said extracts, bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

Mr.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, with the documents therein referred to.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Kelly asked and obtained leave of absence for one week from to-morrow.

Mr. Buckley asked and obtained leave of absence for three days from to-morrow.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, March 2d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act authorizing Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.
2. An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Keppele presented a memorial from Samuel Preston, remonstrating against the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the six upper townships of the county of Wayne, read yesterday, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying pecuniary aid in opening and improving a road from Frankstown, on the Juniata, to Pittsburgh, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr.

Mr. Rugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying that a law may be passed, authorising the Receiver-General of the Land-office to give a credit to the holders of unsatisfied warrants for the same, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Turner, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Speer, to report thereon.

Mr. Penrose presented a petition from the pilots of the bay and river Delaware, praying that the law fixing their pay may be continued, and that they may be permitted to have daily pay, provision, and a residence on shore, during the period the vessel may be obliged to ride quarantine, should such a case arise, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act for the abolition of slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, February 22d last, the petition of William Irwine, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour's island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 12th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the borough of Lancaster, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act to declare Fishing-creek, in the county of Northumberland, a public highway," reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the first order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act in aid of the inhabitants of the borough of Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 14th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," were read the first time, as follows, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," to wit.

SECT. I. Strike out the proviso.

SECT. II. line 3, at the end of the line, insert the words, "*or received any patent or patents, or other deed of conveyance;*" line 4, next after the word "*for*," insert the words, "*or on account of;*" line 7, next after the word "*contract*," insert the words, "*patents or deeds of conveyance.*"

Ordered to lie on the table.

The two Extracts from the Journal of the Senate, received yesterday, were read, as follow, viz.

IN SENATE, FRIDAY, March 1st, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives, if that House shall appoint such committee, to enquire, and report to this House, at what time it would convenient for the Legislature to adjourn; and also what business ought exclusively to be taken up and decided upon during the present session. And



*Ordered*, That Mr. Postlethwaite, Mr. Kean and Mr. Morgan be a committee for the said purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

IN S E N A T E, FRIDAY, March 1st, 1799.

*Resolved*, That three thousand copies of the act, passed this session, entitled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," be printed in the English, and two thousand copies in the German language.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the House of Representatives, for concurrence.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," read February 13th last, were severally read the second time.

The first amendment being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Power,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Worrell, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire, and report to this House, whether any, and, if any, what provision is necessary to be made by the Legislature, for the purpose of keeping in complete repair the State-house clock.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek," postponed February 26th last.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Hall,

To amend the same, by inserting, in line 15, next after the word "*persons*," the words "*being freeholders, and resident in the district aforesaid.*"

On



On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Boileau, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
 Bull,  
 Barclay,  
 Blair,  
 Campbell,  
 Dunlop,  
 Erwin,  
 Fisher,  
 Forster,  
 Hall,  
 Hemphill,  
 Hannum,  
 Hopkins,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hostetter,  
 Keppele,  
 Kirk,  
 Keys,  
 Kennedy,  
 Miller,  
 M'Pherson,  
 Power,  
 Preston,  
 Raum,  
 Seckel,  
 Stocker,  
 Stover,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Strickler,  
 A. Scott,  
 Stewart,  
 J. Scott,  
 Speer,  
 Sample,  
 Taylor,  
 Turner,  
 Watson,  
 Welles,  
 Williamfon. 37.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
 Baird,  
 Boileau,  
 Coolbaugh,  
 Cunningham,  
 Eyre,  
 Ewalt,  
 Frailey,  
 Follmer,  
 Gehr,  
 Horne,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
 Harris,  
 Huston,  
 Ingels,  
 Krause,  
 Linnard,  
 Lyle,  
 Logan,  
 Mewhorter,  
 M'Dowell,  
 Penrose,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
 Rose,  
 Shoemaker,  
 Snyder,  
 Udree,  
 Van Horne,  
 Worrell,  
 Wright,  
 Wilson,  
 Weaver. 32.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Frailey,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for the present.

Mr. Keppele read in his place a bill, entitled “ An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted; and having obtained leave, presented it to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

On motion,

(Two thirds of the House agreeing in the present instance to dispense with the rule)

The same was read the second time.

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders, constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Message from the Governor, received yesterday, was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE directed to be presented to you a general report of the state of the contracts for improving the roads and inland navigation of the State.

This opportunity will, likewise, be taken to deliver a representation, that has been communicated to me, relative to the appropriation of a burying-ground for strangers in the city of Philadelphia, which was formerly authorized to be made, but which has not been carried compleatly into effect.

It appears to be just and proper, that the object of the representation should be complied with; but as a doubt occurs on the power of the Executive, permit me to recommend the subject to your consideration.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, February 28th, 1799.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee on the petition of the trustees of the school near the Rising-Sun tavern, read February 16th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

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The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entituled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

2. An Act in favour of John Hazelwood.

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, March 4th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported, that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entituled "An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Hopkins presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, praying that the law for erecting a poor-house in the said county be repealed, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rugh presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Franklin, in the county of Westmoreland, praying that the said township be erected into a separate election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from that county, to report thereon.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition from Joseph Blackford, administrator of the estate of Martin Blackford, deceased, stating sundry difficulties he hath met with in that character, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on claims, to report thereon.

A letter addressed to the House, and signed Thomas Shields, containing remarks on the certificate signed Solomon Decker, accompanying the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Wayne, read the 1st instant, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise John Findley to erect and maintain a dam across the Kiskiminetas river, in Westmoreland county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 15th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An Act for raising county rates and levies within this commonwealth," reported a bill, entitled "An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 12th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled "An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 14th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise Isaac Meason and Zachariah Connell, their heirs and assigns, to erect, build and maintain a toll bridge across the Youghiogeny river, at Connellsville, in Fayette county," and that it be the first order for that day.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

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The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, intituled " An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, March 5th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Bull presented a petition from Thomas Shields, praying that the six upper townships of the county of Wayne be separated from the said county, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I have the honour to return the bill, intituled " An Act for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark," which the Senate have passed; and the bill, intituled " An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted," which the Senate have passed, with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bills and amendment to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendment was then read, as follows, viz.

SECT. I. next after the word "*continue*," insert the words "*the present and*." And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, intituled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding hundred dollars, to be applied to defraying the expence of finishing the school-house near the Rising-Sun tavern, on the Germantown road, and to discharging the debts which have already accrued on the same," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

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The committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Findley and Donegal townships, in the county of Washington, praying for a new election district, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners into consideration, and find that some time last autumn the electors in the said townships conceived themselves inconveniently situated in respect of distance from the places of holding elections, and accordingly circulated the petition last referred to the committee; but some time since the signing thereof, believing that the bounds affixed therein were still too large for one district, and supposing they might as easily be accommodated with two districts, they immediately circulated other petitions, which have been presented to this House (and were reported on by bill the eighth ultimo) praying for the erection of the two districts within nearly the same bounds, which now renders the present petition unnecessary, expressing wishes since relinquished by the citizens of those districts: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is unnecessary for the Legislature to act further upon the last referred petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorize James C. M'Grew, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across the Youghiogeny river, in the county of Westmoreland," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, the 16th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The resolution of the Senate, relative to printing a number of copies of the general election law, read the 2d instant, was read the second time.

And on the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The extract from the Journal of the Senate, read the 2d instant, was read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to join the committee of the Senate, to enquire, and report to this House, at what time it would be convenient for the Legislature to adjourn; and also what business ought exclusively to be taken up and decided upon during the present session. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Welles, Mr. Boileau and Mr. Kennedy, be a committee for that purpose.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to repeal the act for establishing a nightly watch, providing lamps, and supporting pumps, for public use in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 13th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county," and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, February 11th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, praying for leave to raise money, by lottery, to improve a road, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by lottery, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars, for repairing the state road laid out from Miller's Spring, in Cumberland county, through Roxbury, to Pittsburgh," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 19th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," postponed the 2d instant.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth amendments.

The seventh amendment being under consideration, viz.

"SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, directed to draw a warrant on the Treasurer of Cumberland county, in favour of the trustees of Dickinson college, for the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid out of the arrearages of taxes due by the said county to the commonwealth, to be applied by the said trustees to the use of the said college."

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Strickler and Mr. A. Scott, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Bull,	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Huston,
Barclay,	Hemphill,	Keppele,
Blair,	Hannum,	Kennedy,
Campbell,	Hofstetter,	Logan,
Fisher,	Horne,	M'Pherson,
Follmer,	Hendricks,	M'Dowell,
Forster,	Harris,	Power,
	[ 67 ]	Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Raum,  
Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Sample,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Wright,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Welles,  
Williamson. 31.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Brown,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Frailey,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hartzell,  
Ingels,  
Kirk,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 39.

So it was determined in the negative.

The remainder of the amendments were concured.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable  
" aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this com-  
" monwealth," read the 2d instant, were severally read the second time, and  
The first amendment being under consideration, viz.

SECT. I. Strike out the proviso.

On the question,—*" Will the House concur the said amendment?"*

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Penrose and Mr. Frailey, and  
are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
A. Scott,  
Snyder,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 27.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Baird,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Coolbaugh,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
N A Y S.



N A Y S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,

N A Y S.

Messrs. J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilfon,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 47.

So it was determined in the negative.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the remainder of the amendments.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And then he withdrew.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Udree asked and obtained leave of absence for one week from to-morrow.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Senate, that this House had concurred the amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 6th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted.

2. An Act for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Hartzell presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northampton, praying a new election district, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hemphill presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Chester, praying that the law for the suppression of vice and immorality be made more efficient, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 4th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Franklin, in the county of Westmoreland, praying a new election district, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the erecting of Franklin township into a separate election district at this time would be improper, and that the prayer of said petitioners ought not to be granted: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, December 19th last, the bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of the representatives of Matthias Heifs," made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That it appears to the committee that Christopher Sower, who was attainted of high treason by the laws of this commonwealth, and whose estate was seized and confiscated for the benefit thereof, was previously indebted to the estate of Matthias Heifs, upon which the representatives of the said Heifs claim from the commonwealth the amount of the aforesaid debt.

So far the committee think the claim appears to be founded in justice; but on the fourth day of April, 1792, the Legislature passed an act, whereby they vested in Christopher Zimmerman and David Sower, for the use of the representatives of Christopher Sower, such parts of his forfeited estate as had not been sold for the benefit of the commonwealth, from which it appears that there is yet property remaining unconfiscated, belonging to the estate of Christopher Sower, and it is probable the representatives of Matthias Heifs can recover their debt from those, in whose hands it remains: They therefore are of opinion that the claim of the representatives of Matthias Heifs cannot now be compensated, and that the aforesaid bill ought not to pass.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, February 14th last, the petition of Lawrence Erb, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have examined the Comptroller's office, and find that the petitioner hath received the allowance he was entitled to by virtue of an act of the General Assembly passed the 22d day of December, 1781: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The message from the Governor, received yesterday, was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace of this State."

II. An ACT to continue in force, for a limited time, part of an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."

III. An ACT to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, March 1st, 1799.*

The report of the committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Lycoming county, read February 26th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Martin and Mr. Snyder be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The motion made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Worrell, relative to the State-house clock, and read the 2d instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Rose and Mr. Hostetter be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee on the petition of John Morris, read February 8th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Worrell and Mr. Speer be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The report of the committee on roads and inland navigation, on the report of the committee on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland, read the 1st instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blair, Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Miller be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act concerning writs of partition,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

Agreeably to leave given yesterday, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the said bill be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America;” and that he had also presented to the Senate an extract from the Journal, relative to the appointment of a committee to join the committee of the Senate, to enquire and report at what time it would be convenient for the Legislature to adjourn, &c. And to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark.

2. An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted.

That he had informed the Senate, that this House have concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton,” except the following amendment, viz. additional section IV. in favour of Dickinson college, which they have non-concurred; that they have non-concurred the first amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases,

"cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," and have concurred the other amendments on the said bill.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, March 7th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Marlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act in favour of John Hazelwood," which the Senate hath passed.

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, owners of land in the county of Wayne, praying that the bill now pending, for removing the seat of justice in the said county, be speedily passed into a law, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Welles presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, praying aid in rebuilding the bridge over Tobihannah creek, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered,* That they be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. Penrose presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Kingessing and Blockley, in the county of Philadelphia, praying to be permitted to hold their general elections at the House now occupied by George Weed, at the place known by the name of Gray's Ferry, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That it be referred to the members from the county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Coolbaugh presented a petition from Israel Johnson, owner of a lot in in the town of Milford, in the county of Wayne, praying that the seat of justice of the said county be not removed, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gehr presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Greenwich and Albany, in the county of Berks, praying that the said townships may be erected into an election district, and that the inhabitants thereof be permitted to hold their general elections at the house of Michael Croll, in the township of Greenwich aforesaid, which was read, and

On

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Berks, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "An Act in favour of John Hazelwood."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The committee on that part of the Governor's Address relative to unsatisfied warrants, to whom were referred sundry petitions on that subject, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the indemnification of the holders of unsatisfied warrants for lands in this commonwealth," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, February 19th last, the petition from the trustees of the Chambersburgh academy, in the county of Franklin, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of the "Chambersburgh academy," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, January 19th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying aid in opening and improving a road to the Painted Post, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that if the said road was thoroughly opened and compleated, it would not only induce the settlement and cultivation of a rich and fertile country, but would also promote and cherish a very profitable intercourse with the State of New-York. They are also of opinion, that to open a communication with the Beach country, and thereby encourage new settlements, is a step of the first importance to the State; and as the aforesaid road will aid and promote this great object, and afford a very direct route from the Genesee country and the Painted Post to the capital of this State, the committee, from these considerations, are induced to offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the said petitioners.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred, December 8th last, the petition of James Van Etten, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That

That they have examined into the claim of the petitioner, and it appears to be as follows, viz.

In the year 1780 the petitioner marched as a private in the militia, under the command of Captain Johannes Van Etten, who is said to have marched under the authority of this commonwealth, and that the said James Van Etten was wounded in an engagement with the Indians on the 20th of April, in the year aforesaid, as appears by two certificates exhibited to the committee, one under the hand of the aforesaid Johannes Van Etten, the other under the hand of Jacob Everit, surgeon, together with the deposition of the said Jacob Everit, who upon his solemn oath deposeth and saith, that he believes that the said James Van Etten still remains disabled by reason of the aforesaid wound; and although the committee are induced to believe from the circumstances, as above related, that the case of the petitioner is to be pitied, yet they cannot believe that his claim against the commonwealth is just, as it has not been preferred at a time, when the State would be entitled to a credit on the books of the United States for any sum that might be paid to any of the citizens of this State: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of James Van Etten ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The bill from the Senate, presented yesterday, entitled "An Act concerning writs of partition," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, the 16th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, which was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. An ACT for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark.

II. An ACT authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, March 7th, 1799.*

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes."



After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Power,

*Resolved*, That whenever the House resolves itself into a committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall appoint a Chairman, unless otherwise directed by the House.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, entitled " A Supplement to " an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the first section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 7 and 8 the words, "*who are citizens thereof, and.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled " An Act in favour of John Hazelwood ;" and informed the Senate, that this House have agreed to the resolution relative to the printing three thousand copies of the general election law in the English, and two thousand copies thereof in the German language.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, March 8th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers " and elders constituting the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in " the United States of America ;" and to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheney river, in the county of Allegheney.

2. An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns.

3. An



3. An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.

And the resolution relative to printing three thousand copies of the general election law in the English, and two thousand copies thereof in the German language.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act in favour of John Hazelwood.

2. An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.

3. An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns.

4. An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.

Mr. Hartzell presented a petition from the trustees and elders of the Presbyterian congregation in Lower Mount-Bethel township, in the county of Northampton, praying to be permitted to sell and convey a certain tract of land by them described, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Northampton, with instruction to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barclay presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bedford, praying pecuniary aid to rebuild three bridges in the said county, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Greenwich and Albany, in the county of Berks, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of their petition, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

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The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."

And the first section recuring,

A motion was made by Mr. Speer, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by inserting, next after the word " *means*," in line 10, the words, " *and who shall be entitled to a legal settlement in this State.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

To amend, by striking out of line 10 the words, " *other means*," and inserting the word " *labour*" in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 20th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate the Insurance Company of the city of Philadelphia," and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act granting a further sum of money for improving the " navigation of the river Schuylkill, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of " land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be the first order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for " completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from " Philadelphia to Reading," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Brooke, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the same, by adding thereto the following proviso, viz.

Provided always nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent the said commissioners from contracting with any person or persons for an annual sum, in lieu of the toll herein before mentioned.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The second, third, fourth and fifth sections were adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the bill, by inserting the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no such tolls shall be demanded after the expiration of five years from and after the fixing of said gates across said road, and from and after the expiration of said term the passage over said bridge shall be free to all persons crossing the same, any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Coolbaugh and Mr. Horne, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Stover,
Albright,	Hemphill,	Strickler,
Bull,	Hannum,	A. Scott,
Brown,	Harris,	J. Scott,
Buckley,	Keppele,	Speer,
Barclay,	Kirk,	Sample,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Blair,	Miller,	Turner,
Campbell,	M'Pherson,	Wharton,
Dunlop,	Preston,	Watson,
Erwin,	Palmer,	Welles,
Fisher,	Seckel,	Williamson. 38.
Forster,	Stocker,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Follmer,	Messrs. Ingels,
Boileau,	Gehr,	Keys,
Coolbaugh,	Hopkins,	Krause,
Cunningham,	Hofstetter,	Linnard,
Conrad,	Horne,	Lyle,
Eyre,	Hartzell,	Mewhorter,
Ewalt,	Hendricks,	Martin,
Frailey,	Huston,	Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Snyder,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Wilson,  
Weaver.

34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The second section being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Horne and Mr. Coolbaugh, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Harris,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
M'Pherfon,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 38.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Keys,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

On the question,—“ *Shall it be transcribed for a third reading?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Horne and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster,	Messrs. Hall, Hemphill, Hannum, Harris, Keppele, Kirk, Kennedy, Logan, Miller, M'Pherson, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,	Messrs. Stocker, Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Welles, Williamson. 39.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Hopkins, Hostetter,	Messrs. Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Huston, Ingels, Keys, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Mewhorter, Martin, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Shoemaker, Snyder, Van Horne, Worrell, Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An Act further to extend the act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The section of the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Worrell,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, for every licence to act as pilot in the bay or river Delaware the person applying for the same shall pay to the Board of Wardens fifty cents, for every licence so granted.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act further to extend and amend the act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto," and that it be the first order for that day.

The committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of making the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of this State a salary officer, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That from the best information they could obtain on that subject, it would be an advantage to the State to make such alteration: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to make the office of Prothonotary of the Supreme Court a salary office, and to direct the fees of said office to be paid into the State Treasury. And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Mr. Stover asked and obtained leave of absence for three days from Monday next.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, March 9th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from Thomas Dyer and Thomas Wright, contractors for the improvement of the navigation of the river Lehigh, praying interest on the money yet due on the said contract, and to be discharged from the same, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Gehr, Mr. Mewhorter and Mr. Hartzell, to report thereon.

Mr. Huston presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Saltlick township, in the county of Fayette, praying a new election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Huston, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Baird, to report thereon.

Mr.

Mr. Stocker presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Chester, Berks and Montgomery, praying a new county, and that the seat of justice be at Pottstown, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

Agreeably to leave given the petitioners, Mr. Worrell, in their behalf, presented a bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Frankford;" and having obtained leave, presented it to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 18th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the first order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 15th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, January the 15th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying aid to open and improve the road from Tietzworth's tavern to Minick's, on the Schuylkill, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, January 24th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, for aid to improve a road from Kishicoquillas valley to Penn's valley, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the subject matter of the petitioners into consideration, and are of opinion that the opening of the road prayed for would be of public utility: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorise the Governor to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of Cumberland county for the payment of eight hundred dollars, out of the arrearages of taxes due by said county, for the purpose of aiding in opening the said road; and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Williamson, Mr. Harris and Mr. Raum be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred, the 2d instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of this State, for aid in opening and improving a road from Frankstown, on the Juniata, to Pittsburgh, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, granting the sum of one thousand dollars, for the purpose of opening and improving the State road leading from Frankstown, on the Juniata river, to Pittsburgh, to be applied to that part of said road which lies west of the Chestnut ridge, which sum to be paid out of the arrearages of taxes due to the commonwealth from Westmoreland county, upon warrant drawn by the Governor upon the Treasurer of said county; and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Wright and Mr. Sample be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee to whom was referred, February 18th last, the petition of Leonard Neale and Matthew Carr, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of Saint Augustine, in the city of Philadelphia," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee, on the petition for aid to open and improve a road over the Broad mountain, postponed February 22d last, and the resolution therein contained was adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, appropriating the sum of four hundred dollars in aid of the said road, and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Snyder, Mr. Gehr and Mr. Rose be a committee for that purpose.

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To



To postpone the further consideration thereof until the next session of the General Assembly.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the postponement?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Horne, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Hopkins, Hostetter,	Messrs. Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Huston, Ingels, Keys, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Penrose, Rugh, Rose, Raum, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, Van Horne, Worrell, Wright, Wilson, Weaver.
		36.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster,	Messrs. Hall, Hemphill, Hannum, Harris, Keppele, Kirk, Kennedy, Miller, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,	Messrs. Stover, Stocker, Strickler, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Welles, Williamson.
		39.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“ *Shall the said bill pass?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Horne and Mr. Keppele, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Albright, Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Campbell,	Messrs. Dunlop, Erwin, Fisher, Forster, Hall, Hemphill, Hannum, Harris, Keppele,	Messrs. Kirk, Kennedy, Logan, Miller, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,
		Y E A S.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Watfon,  
Welles,  
Williamfon. 40.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hofstetter,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Keys,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Van Horne,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Willon,  
Weaver. 35.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act further to extend the act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, which was read, as follows, viz.

To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.

II. An ACT to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.

III. An ACT to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns.

IV. An ACT in favour of John Hazelwood.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Philadelphia, March 8th, 1799.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair two Extracts from the Journal of the Senate, which were read, as follow, viz:

IN SENATE, FRIDAY, March 8th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do adhere to their amendment on the bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," non-concured by the House of Representatives; to wit; "*strike out the proviso in section II.*" and that a conference thereon be requested; and that a committee of conference be appointed on the part of the Senate. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan, Mr. Postlethwaite, Mr. Barton, Mr. Smith and Mr. Whelen be a committee of conference thereon.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, Clerk of the Senate.

IN SENATE, FRIDAY, March 8th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do adhere to their amendments on the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," non-concured by the House of Representatives, to wit; "*the inserting of section IV.*" in favour of Dickinson college, and that a conference thereon be requested; and that a committee of conference be appointed on the part of the Senate. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Woods, Mr. Kean and Mr. Barton be a committee of conference thereon.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, and sundry documents referred to in the said message.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

*Resolved*, That during the remainder of the session, this House will meet at nine o'clock in the forenoon, unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Members present.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Wharton,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of the Senate on the amendment by the Senate, and adhered to by them, on the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," to wit; "*the inserting of section IV.*" in favour of Dickinson college.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Snyder, Mr. J. Scott and Mr. Baird be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to confer with a committee of the Senate on the amendment made, and adhered to by the Senate, on the bill, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth, to wit; "*strike out the proviso in section II.*" And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Harris, Mr. Martin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sample and Mr. Wright be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session," which the Senate hath passed; and to present a bill, entitled "An Act to repeal the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Wednesday next.

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The bill, entituled “ An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, March 11th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Linnard presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of the Northern-Liberties, Moyamensing and Passyunk, in the county of Philadelphia, praying that so much of the act of Assembly passed the 18th of February, 1769, as relates to and fixes a penalty on waggons and carts passing through the city with wheels, whose felloes are not of the breadth of four inches, may be repealed, or other relief in the premises, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city and county of Philadelphia, to report thereon.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from Joseph Wharton, praying that eight dollars per acre for lands of the first quality in the seventeen townships, in the county of Luzerne, be allowed to the Pennsylvania Claimants of the said lands, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 8th instant, the petition of the trustees and elders of the Presbyterian congregation in Lower Mount Bethel township, in the county of Northampton, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise, reported a bill, entituled “ An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate in the township of Lower Mount Bethel, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purpose therein mentioned,” which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 18th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Agreeably

Agreeably to leave given the petitioners, Mr. Harris, on their behalf, presented a bill, entitled " An Act authorising James Philips and others to open and improve the navigation of Mushannon creek, and to demand and receive a toll from persons navigating the same," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 19th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 9th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Salt-Lick township, in the county of Fayette, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to erect the township of Salt-Lick, in the county of Fayette, into a separate election district," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 20th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 18th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Ewalt,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the commonwealth be required to deliver to each Member of the present Legislature one copy of the laws of this State, and one copy of the laws of the United States, out of the number of copies which are now in his possession, the property of this State; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall entitle any Member to receive the same, who may already have received them by any former resolution or law of the Legislature.

The bill from the Senate, presented on Saturday last, entitled " An Act to repeal the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising of swine," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, the 20th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The message from the Governor, presented on Saturday last, was read, as follows, viz.

To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

IN compliance with the request of the Governor of the State of Virginia, I submit to your consideration sundry resolutions, entered into by the Legislature of that State, relative to certain measures of the general government.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Philadelphia, March 8th, 1799.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Albright, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That as it is the opinion of this House that the principles contained in the resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia, relative to certain measures of the general government, are calculated to excite unwarrantable discontents, and to destroy the very existence of our government, they ought to be, and are hereby, rejected.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To postpone the further consideration of the said resolution until to-morrow.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Snyder, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.			Y E A S.			Y E A S.		
Messrs. Baird,			Messrs. Harris,			Messrs. Penrose,		
Cunningham,			Huflon,			Rugh,		
Conrad,			Ingels,			Rose,		
Eyre,			Kennedy,			Shoemaker,		
Ewalt,			Krause,			Snyder,		
Frailey,			Linnard,			Worrell,		
Follmer,			Lyle,			Wright,		
Gehr,			Logan,			Wilson,		
Horne,			Martin,			Weaver.		29.
Hendricks,			M'Dowell,					
N A Y S.			N A Y S.			N A Y S.		
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .			Messrs. Dunlop,			Messrs. Kirk,		
Albright,			Erwin,			Keys,		
Bull,			Fisher,			Miller,		
Brown,			Forster,			M'Pherson,		
Buckley,			Hall,			Power,		
Barclay,			Hemphill,			Palmer,		
Brooke,			Hannum,			Raum,		
Blair,			Hopkins,			Stocker,		
Campbell,			Hofstetter,			Strickler,		
Coolbaugh,			Keppele,			A. Scott,		



N A Y S.

Messrs. Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Welles,  
Williamson. 40.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Lyle,

To postpone the further consideration of the said resolution, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that the principles contained in the resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia, relative to certain measures of the federal government, ought not to be agreed to by this House.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Lyle, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hofstetter,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Horne,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
M'Dowell,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Worrell,  
Wright,  
Willson,  
Weaver. 29.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Palmer,  
Raum,  
Stocker,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 40.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Lyle,

To amend the resolution, by striking therefrom the following words,  
“ *and to destroy the very existence of our government.* ”

On



On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Harris, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Horne,	Messrs. Penrose,
Coolbaugh,	Hendricks,	Rugh,
Cunningham,	Harris,	Rose,
Conrad,	Huston,	Shoemaker,
Eyre,	Ingels,	Snyder,
Ewalt,	Krause,	Worrell,
Frailey,	Linnard,	Wright,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Wilson,
Gehr,	Logan,	Weaver.
Hofstetter,	M'Dowell,	

29.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. Strickler,
Albright,	Hannum,	A. Scott,
Bull,	Hopkins,	Stewart,
Brown,	Keppele,	J. Scott,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Speer,
Barclay,	Keys,	Sample,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Blair,	Martin,	Turner,
Campbell,	Miller,	Wharton,
Dunlop,	M'Pherson,	Watson,
Erwin,	Power,	Welles,
Fisher,	Palmer,	Williamson.
Forster,	Raum,	
Hall,	Stocker,	

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So it was determined in the negative.

And on the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the resolution?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. A. Scott and Mr. Wharton, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Fisher,	Messrs. Keys,
Albright,	Forster,	Kennedy,
Bull,	Hall,	Miller,
Brown,	Hemphill,	Martin,
Buckley,	Hannum,	M'Pherson,
Barclay,	Hopkins,	Power,
Brooke,	Hofstetter,	Raum,
Blair,	Hendricks,	Stocker,
Campbell,	Huston,	Strickler,
Dunlop,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Erwin,	Kirk,	Stewart,

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Williamfon,  
Wright. 43.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Gehr,  
Horne,  
Harris,  
Ingels,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
M'Dowell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Worrell,  
Wilfon,  
Weaver. 24.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entituled " An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the petition of Hannah Allman, read the first instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Welles, Mr. Eyre and Mr. M'Pherson be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The House resumed the consideration of the report on the petition of Francis Johnston, postponed January 28th last, and the resolution therein contained was adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entituled " An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entituled " An Act to incorporate that district of the Northern-Liberties lying between the middle of street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohockfink creek."

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday, the 19th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the first order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That as the galleries are the places wherein spectators may advantageously see and hear the proceedings of this House, no person shall be suffered to pass through or sit in the part properly assigned for the accommodation of the Members, while transacting business, unless leave be asked and previously obtained by a Member for that purpose.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to an act, entitled “ An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars.”

2. An Act to authorize the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.

3. An Act to authorize the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes.

4. An Act further to extend and amend the act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

And also that he had presented two Extracts from the Journal of this House, relative to the appointment of committees to confer with committees of the Senate, viz. on the amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton ;” and on the amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to en-

“ able aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this  
“ commonwealth.”

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, March 12th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying that the townships of Briar Creek and Fishing Creek be erected into separate election districts, and that the inhabitants of the township of Briar Creek be permitted to hold their general elections at the market house in the town of Berwick, and those of the township of Fishing Creek at the house of Samuel Smith, in the said township, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Follmer and Mr. Martin, to report thereon.

Mr. Conrad presented a petition from a number of the waggoners of the city of Philadelphia and its vicinity, praying that the law, which obliges them to use broad wheels, may be repealed, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed yesterday on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled “ An  
“ Act for the relief of Doctor John Morris,” which was read the first time,  
and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled “ An  
“ Act to appropriate a further sum of money for the opening and improv-  
“ ing the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pitts-  
“ burgh,” which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 21st instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
“ whole House on the said bill?*”

It

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hemphill reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery," which the Senate hath passed; also the bill, entitled "An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America;" and the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough;" which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to continue an act, entitled An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to continue an act, entitled "An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America."

SECT. I. line 4, strike out the words "*said recited*;" line 6, strike out the words, "*as aforesaid*," and in place thereof insert the words, "*the seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven*;" line 8, strike out the word "*said*."

Strike out the preamble.

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough.”

SECT. I. strike out from the word “ *boundaries,*” in line 7, to the end of the section, and insert “ *following, viz. beginning at the line which divides the townships of East-Bradford and Goshen, at the corner of the lands of Richard Jacobs and John Darlington; thence along the lines of the said Richard Jacobs, and the lands of Amos Darlington and Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Clellan, to the lands of George Matlack; thence along the lines of the said Matlack, Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Clellan, Jonathan Matlack, and of the late John Patton, to a line of the land of Doctor Joseph Moore; thence to the line of the land of Jesse Matlack; thence along the lines of the said Jesse Matlack's lands, and of the lands of John Biddle and Abner Hoops, to the road called the Goshen Street; thence along the said street to the land of Benaniel Ogden, being the line which divides the township of East-Bradford from the township of Goshen, and from thence to the place of beginning.*”

SECT. IV. line 6, strike out the words, “ *and to build a school house.*”

Title. Next after the word “ *West-Chester,*” insert the words, “ *in the county of Chester.*”

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved,* That this House concur the said amendments.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved,* That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To postpone the further consideration of the same, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

“ SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, authorised and required to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the county of Bedford, in favour of the Commissioners of the said county, for the sum of                      dollars, which sum the said Treasurer shall pay, out of any monies he may receive in satisfaction of debts due by the said county to the Loan-office of 1793, and out of any monies he may receive for or on account of arrearages of taxes due by the said county to this commonwealth; and for the aforesaid sum of                      dollars, or so much thereof as he may actually pay to the said Commissioners, in virtue of this act, the said Treasurer shall have credit on the books of the Comptroller-General of this commonwealth, on his producing the receipts of the said Commissioners.”

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

The substitute being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Barclay, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by filling the blanks therein respectively with the words “ *four thousand.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled “ An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour’s Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Worrell reported the bill, without amendment.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read yesterday, was read the second time.

The resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Frailey, to end with the word “ *business.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the first part of the said resolution?*”

It was determined in the negative.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of  
[ 75 ] “ Dauphin,



“Dauphin, into a borough;” and also an Extract from the Journal of this House, requiring the Secretary of the commonwealth to deliver copies of the laws of this State, and the United States, to the Members of the present Legislature.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 13th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying pecuniary aid in opening and improving the navigation of the river Susquehanna, from Wright's ferry upwards, and for the improvement of the road from Reading to Sunbury, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

Mr. Fisher presented a memorial from the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, praying aid, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Stocker, Mr. Logan, Mr. Preston, Mr. Keys, Mr. Power, Mr. Boileau, Mr. Snyder, Mr. J. Scott, and Mr. Stewart, to report thereon.

Mr. Power presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, praying to be authorized, by law, to erect a house for the employment and support of their poor, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the county of Cumberland, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, January 15th last, the petition of Edmund Phyllick, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the subject matter of the said petition into consideration, and after the best information the committee could obtain thereon, they are induced to believe that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be complied with, under some restrictions and limitations: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, empowered and authorized, on the application of John and Richard Penn, or their representatives or agent, to direct the proper officer or officers to deliver up such rent-rolls, counter-parts of deeds reserving yearly ground-rents, and books, as relate wholly to their private estate, as in the opinion of the Attorney-General will be right and proper, and to furnish, at the proper cost and charges of the said John and Richard Penn, copies and exemplifications of any other papers, which came into the possession of the commonwealth by virtue of  
the



the act, entitled " An Act for vesting the estate of the late Proprietaries of " Pennsylvania in this commonwealth," passed the 27th day of November, 1779, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Conrad,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday, the 21st instant, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An " Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the " Penn's Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed, December 19th last, to consider and report a plan for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An " Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this com- " monwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday, the 21st instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Frailey, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That during the remainder of the session this House will meet on Tuesday and Friday, in every week, precisely at four o'clock in the afternoon, unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Power, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorise the Governor of this commonwealth to subscribe on the books, which are opened to receive subscriptions for making an artificial road from the borough of Lancaster to Wright's ferry, for \_\_\_\_\_ shares, and that he draw a warrant on the Treasurer of the county of Lancaster for such sum, which money shall be allowed out of the arrearages of taxes due from said county to this commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of York, read February 13th last, was read the second time.

On the question,—*" Will the House agree to the same ?"*

It was determined in the negative.

The

The bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied " in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the " lots of ground therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to enable the Justices of " the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The eighth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 7 the word " *Supreme*," and inserting, next after the word " *Court*," the words, " *where the said suits " originated*," and making " *Court*" " *Courts*."

On the question,—*" Will the House agree to the said amendment ?"*

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Ingels,	Messrs. Strickler,
Baird,	Keys,	Shoemaker,
Boileau,	Kennedy,	Stewart,
Coolbaugh,	Krause,	Snyder,
Cunningham,	Linnard,	J. Scott,
Conrad,	Lyle,	Speer,
Eyre,	Logan,	Sample,
Ewalt,	Mewhorter,	Van Horne,
Frailey,	Miller,	Worrell,
Follmer,	Martin,	Watson,
Gehr,	M'Dowell,	Wright,
Hopkins,	Penrose,	Wilson,
Hendricks,	Rugh,	Williamson,
Harris,	Rose,	Weaver. 44.
Huston,	Raum,	

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.

Bull,

Brown,

Buckley,

Barclay,

Brooke,

Blair,

Campbell,

Dunlop,

Erwin,

Messrs. Fisher,

Forster,

Hall,

Hemphill,

Hannum,

Hofstetter,

Horne,

Keppele,

Kirk,

Kelly,

Messrs. M'Pherson,

Preston,

Palmer,

Seckel,

Stocker,

A. Scott,

Taylor,

Turner,

Wharton,

Welles.

30.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Horne, that the following be an additional section, viz.

" SECT. XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for and during the term of three years from and after passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the session of the General Assembly, and no longer."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Ewalt,

*Resolved*, That Joseph Wharton have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Senate, that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester into a borough.

2. An Act to continue an act, entitled " An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented for concurrence a bill, entitled " An Act to alter the fifth election district in " the county of Somerset, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The bill, entitled " An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships, in the " county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keys, and seconded by Mr. Strickler,

To amend the same, by filling the first blank therein with the following names, viz. "*William Armstrong and Samuel Baird.*"

A motion was then made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Power, To postpone the further consideration of the said section and amendment for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, To amend the same, by striking out of line 9 the word "*six*," and inserting the word "*five*," in place thereof.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Keys, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Huston,	Messrs. Raum,
Bull,	Ingels,	Strickler,
Brown,	Kirk,	Shoemaker,
Buckley,	Keys,	Stewart,
Barclay,	Linnard,	Snyder,
Blair,	Lyle,	Speer,
Conrad,	Mewhorter,	Sample,
Dunlop,	Miller,	Van Horne,
Follmer,	M'Pherson,	Wright,
Hopkins,	M'Dowell,	Wilson,
Hoftetter,	Penrose,	Williamson,
Hendricks,	Rugh,	Weaver.
Harris,	Rose,	38.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Forster,	Messrs. Power,
Baird,	Hall,	Preston,
Brooke,	Hemphill,	Palmer,
Boileau,	Hannum,	Stocker,
Coolbaugh,	Horne,	A. Scott,
Cunningham,	Hartzell,	J. Scott,
Eyre,	Keppele,	Taylor,
Erwin,	Kelly,	Turner,
Ewalt,	Kennedy,	Worrell,
Fisher,	Logan,	Watson,
Frailey,	Martin,	Welles.
		33.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Lyle, Further to amend, by striking out of lines 10 and 11 the words, "*three dollars*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*two dollars and fifty cents*."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Stocker, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Buckley, Baird, Hopkins, Hoftetter, Hendricks, Huston, Krause,	Messrs. Lyle, Logan, Miller, M'Dowell, Power, Palmer, Strickler,	Messrs. Stewart, Speer, Wright, Welles, Weaver. 19.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Barclay, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Dunlop, Eyre, Erwin, Ewalt, Fisher, Frailey,	Messrs. Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Hall, Hemphill, Hannum, Horne, Hendricks, Harris, Ingels, Keppele, Kirk, Keys, Kelly, Kennedy, Linnard, Mewhorter,	Messrs. Martin, M'Pherson, Rugh, Rose, Raum, Stocker, A. Scott, Shoemaker, Snyder, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Van Horne, Worrell, Watson, Wilson. 50.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Martin,

To amend, by striking out of line 13 the words, "*twenty-five*," and inserting the word "*fifty*," in place thereof.

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Power, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To postpone the further consideration of the said bill.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to postpone?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Power and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Dunlop, Forster, Hopkins,	Messrs. Hoftetter, Keppele, Logan,	Messrs. Power, Snyder, Wharton. 9.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
 Albright,  
 Bull,  
 Brown,  
 Buckley,  
 Barclay,  
 Baird,  
 Brooke,  
 Boileau,  
 Blair,  
 Campbell,  
 Coolbaugh,  
 Cunningham,  
 Conrad,  
 Eyre,  
 Erwin,  
 Ewalt,  
 Fisher,  
 Frailey,  
 Follmer,  
 Gehr,  
 Hall,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
 Hannum,  
 Horne,  
 Hartzell,  
 Hendricks,  
 Harris,  
 Huston,  
 Ingels,  
 Kirk,  
 Keys,  
 Kelly,  
 Kennedy,  
 Krause,  
 Linnard,  
 Lyle,  
 Mewhorter,  
 Miller,  
 Martin,  
 M'Pherson,  
 M'Dowell,  
 Penrose,  
 Preston,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
 Rugh,  
 Rose,  
 Raum,  
 Stocker,  
 Strickler,  
 A. Scott,  
 Shoemaker,  
 Stewart,  
 J. Scott,  
 Speer,  
 Sample,  
 Taylor,  
 Turner,  
 Van Horne,  
 Worrell,  
 Watson,  
 Wright,  
 Wilson,  
 Welles,  
 Williamson,  
 Weaver. 66.

So it was determined in the negative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 9 the following, viz. "*And also so certify to the Comptroller-General the amount of the sum that may appear to be due, first deducting therefrom the balance of principal and interest due to the commonwealth, on account of the original purchase money of such tract or tracts.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To amend, by striking out from the word "*at,*" in line 12, to the word "*tracts,*" in line 15, inclusive, and to insert, in place of the words so stricken out, the words, "*shall amount.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Raum,

To amend the same, by filling the blank in line 4 with the words, "*three months.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Gehr,

Further to amend, by filling the blank in line 8 with the word "*one.*"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The fifth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 8, next after the word "*them*," the following, viz. "*provided that the said lots do not lie within those parts of the Proprietary Manors, that were not sold to the Pennsylvania Claimants before the decree of Trenton.*"

The said amendment being under consideration,

The House adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, March 14th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Martin presented a petition from Charles De France, of Pine creek township, in the county of Lycoming, praying permission to erect a mill-dam across Pine creek, in the said county, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Martin, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Mewhorter, to report thereon.

Mr. Brown presented a petition from Adam Neese, stating that he hath been defrauded by a certain Joseph Gear, a collector, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Keys and Mr. Buckley, to report thereon.

Mr. Keys presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the borough of Lancaster, praying that the law for establishing a nightly watch, &c. may not be repealed, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "*An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office*, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, January 2d last, the petition of Andrew Boyd, late Treasurer of Chester county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have attentively examined the facts therein stated, and the various documents and papers submitted to them, and it appears that on a settlement in the Comptroller's office, there is due to the commonwealth from the petitioner the sum of two thousand three hundred and eighty-six pounds fourteen shillings and four pence.

The petitioner asserts that he paid into the office of Mr. Rittenhouse, late Treasurer of the State, several sums of money, to the amount of about two thousand three hundred and eight pounds fourteen shillings, for which he has received no credit on the books of the Treasury, and conceives himself aggrieved by the said settlement.

The committee are well satisfied that the petitioner is not able to substantiate this fact, and therefore consider it their duty to state, that, after a very accurate enquiry and examination, it appears the said Andrew Boyd has received full credit on the books of the late Treasurer, David Rittenhouse, and has in his possession receipts for all the sums he has ever paid into the Treasury; but from the great misfortunes of the petitioner, and his peculiarly distressing circumstances, the committee are induced to submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to exonerate Andrew Boyd from the payment of the balance which appears to be due to the commonwealth, agreeably to the settlement of his accounts by the Comptroller-General.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 12th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Briar Creek and Fishing Creek, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners under consideration, and are of opinion, that, from the remote situation of many of the petitioners from the place of holding elections, they are, in a great degree, precluded from exercising the right of suffrage, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, conformably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The motion of Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Power, and read yesterday, relative to turnpike shares, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That Mr. A. Scott, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Huston be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The bill, entitled "An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour's Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR.



“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform, that the Senate hath concurred the resolution of the House of Representatives respecting the distributing certain laws of this State and of the United States.

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned,” was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday, the 25th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to alter the fifth election district in the county of Somerset, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday, the 23d instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 22d instant, be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled “ An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies,” and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohockink creek,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And then he withdrew.

The

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled “ An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

The fifth section and proposed amendment recuring,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment ?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To amend, by inserting in line 3, next after the word “ *townships*,” the words, “ *and pitches aforesaid*.”

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend, by inserting in line 3, next after the word “ *aforesaid*,” the words, “ *released to the commonwealth so as aforesaid*.”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment ?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. M'Pherfon, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Brown,  
Buckley,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Dunlop,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Harris,  
Keppele,  
Kelly,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,

Y E A S.

Messrs. A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 23.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Barclay,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherfon,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Power,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilfon,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 46.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
To amend, by inserting in line 16, next after the word “ *dollars,*” the  
words “ *fifty cents.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Mewhorter,  
and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Erwin,  
Follmer,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,

Y E A S.

Messrs. M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Raum,  
Strickler,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Wilson. 11.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Forster,  
Gehr,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
Penrose,  
Power,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Preston,  
Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 60.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,  
To amend, by inserting in line 17, next after the word “ *dollars,*” the  
words “ *fifty cents.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. M'Pherson,  
and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Buckley,  
Baird,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Follmer,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Keys,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Lyle,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Raum,  
Strickler,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Wilson. 21.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Forster,  
Gehr,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Kelly,  
Linnard,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 50.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend, by inserting in line 17, next after the word "*dollars*," the words, "*and twenty cents*."

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Penrose,

To amend, by striking out of line 16 the words, "*a sum not exceeding*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*at the rate of*."

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Preston,

To amend, by striking out of line 18 the word "*fifty*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words "*twenty-five*."

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend, by striking out from the word "*the*," in line 21, to the word "*commonwealth*," in line 29, inclusive, and inserting, in place of the words so stricken out, the words, "*and patents for lands so certified shall issue from the proper office, paying the legal fees for such patent*."

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keys,

To amend the amendment, by adding thereto these words, "*and also the surveying fees*."

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To postpone the further consideration of the section, the amendment, the amendment to the amendment, and the bill, for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The message from the Governor was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

IT is announced, by a proclamation issued by the President of the United States, dated the twelfth instant, that "Combinations to defeat the execution of the laws, for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses within the United States, have existed in the counties of Northampton, Montgomery and Bucks, in the State of Pennsylvania;" that, in the judgment of the President, "it is necessary to call forth military force, in order to suppress the combinations aforesaid, and cause the laws aforesaid to be duly executed; and that the President has accordingly determined so to do, under the solemn conviction that the essential interests of the United States demand it."

Though I have received no communication from the President on this important occasion, yet it is my duty, as Executive Magistrate of Pennsylvania, to call your attention to the subject, that if any measures ought to be taken on the part of the State, to co-operate with the federal government, they may be devised and authorised by the Legislature.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, March 14th, 1799.*

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That it be referred to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Power, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Frailey, Mr. Baird and Mr. Cunningham, to report thereon.

Mr. Strickler asked and obtained leave of absence for four days.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin.
2. An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.
3. An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

And that he had returned the bill, entitled "An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

FRIDAY,

F R I D A Y, March 15th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed the 9th instant, to confer with the committee of the Senate on the amendment by the Senate, and adhered to by them, on the bill, entitled " An Act to afford relief to Union academy, " in the county of Northampton," viz. " the inserting of section 4, in favour of Dickinson college," made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have met, and conferred with the committee of the Senate.

That the committee of the Senate adhered to their amendment, and that the committee of this House have not acceded thereto, and recommend that this House adhere to their non-concurrence.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for " the loss of Montour's island, recovered from him by a judgment of the " Supreme Court of the United States," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " An " Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain " lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for " other purposes therein mentioned."

And the proposed amendment, and the amendment to the amendment, recurring,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To postpone the further consideration of the said amendment, and amendment to the amendment, for the present.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 31 the words, "*charged with*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*mortgaged by such claimant or claimants for*;" and striking out of lines 32 and 33 the words, "*in whose hands soever the same shall be*," and inserting as aforesaid.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment, and the amendment thereto, recurring,

The amendment to the amendment was withdrawn,

And Mr. Welles modified the amendment, by re-instating the proviso in lines 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keys,

To amend the amendment, by adding thereto the words, "*and also the surveying fees*."

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment to the amendment?* ”

It was determined in the affirmative, and the amendment, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the section, by striking from lines 2 and 3 the words, “ *all the,* ” and inserting, in place thereof, the word “ *such;* ” and next after the word “ *Trenton,* ” in line 5, the following, viz. “ *as shall have been submitted by the Pennsylvania Claimants to the Commissioners aforesaid, and signified under the hands and seals of the Pennsylvania Claimants to abide by the determination of the Commissioners, agreeably to the first section of this act.* ”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Linnard, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.			Y E A S.			Y E A S.		
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. A. Scott,						
Albright,	Hannum,	Stewart,						
Bull,	Harris,	J. Scott,						
Brown,	Keppele,	Speer,						
Buckley,	Kirk,	Sample,						
Barclay,	Kelly,	Taylor,						
Blair,	Martin,	Wharton,						
Coolbaugh,	Power,	Worrell,						
Fisher,	Preston,	Watson,						
Forster,	Palmer,	Welles,						
Hall,	Seckel,	Williamson.						33.
N A Y S.			N A Y S.			N A Y S.		
Messrs. Brooke,	Messrs. Huston,	Messrs. Raum,						
Boileau,	Ingels,	Stocker,						
Campbell,	Keys,	Stover,						
Cunningham,	Kennedy,	Shoemaker,						
Conrad,	Krause,	Snyder,						
Eyre,	Linnard,	Turner,						
Erwin,	Lyle,	Udree,						
Frailey,	Mewhorter,	Van Horne,						
Follmer,	Miller,	Wright,						
Gehr,	M'Pherson,	Wilson,						
Hopkins,	M'Dowell,	Weaver.						37.
Hoftetter,	Penrose,							
Hendricks,	Rugh,							

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To reconsider the amendment in line 21.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,  
To amend the amendment, by striking out the word "*and*," and inserting the word "*whereupon*," in place thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sections were adopted.

And the tenth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 3 the words, "*three dollars and fifty cents*," and inserting, in place of the words so stricken out, the words, "*four dollars*."

Which was determined in the negative, and the section agreed to.

The eleventh section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To postpone the further consideration of the same, in order to introduce the following as a substitute, viz.

"SECT. XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in cases of dispute between the Connecticut Claimants they may elect to have the same decided by the said Commissioners, or appeal before such decision to the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county, and a certificate from the Clerk of such Commissioners, or from the Prothonotary of such Court of Common Pleas, before which tribunal such decision may be had, certifying in whose favour the same is adjudged, shall be good evidence to obtain a patent from the proper office aforesaid."

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Coolbaugh,  
To re-consider the second section.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. M'Dowell,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 9 the word "*five*," and inserting, in place thereof, the word "*four*."

Which was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

The House resumed the consideration of the first section.

And the amendment thereto recurring,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the amendment, by striking out the words, "*William Armstrong*," and inserting "*Isaac Whelen, of Chester county*," in place thereof.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To amend, by striking out the words, "*Samuel Baird*," and inserting "*Thomas Boude, of Lancaster county*," in place thereof.

Which was agreed to.



The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to indemnify General William Irvine for the loss of Montour's island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.
2. An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, March 16th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.
2. An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.
3. An Act to continue an act, entitled "An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America."
4. An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session. And

A resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of this State and of the United States.

And having presented the said bills and resolution to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Huston presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Franklin, Dunbar and Tyrone, in the county of Fayette, praying a new election district, which were read; and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to Mr. Huston, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Weaver, to report thereon.

The report on the petition of Andrew Boyd, read the 14th instant, was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Frailey,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed for the present.

The

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And the first section recuring,

The words, "*General William Irvine, of Cumberland county,*" were inserted next after the words, "*Thomas Boudé, of Lancaster county.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the section, by inserting, in line 27, next after the word "*commissioners,*" the following, viz. "*nor until persons claiming lands to the same extent under the Susquehanna Land Company, commonly called Connecticut Claimants, residing within the seventeen townships aforesaid, shall also have bound themselves in like manner, in writing, under their hands and seals, duly executed in presence of two legal witnesses, and shall have filed the same in the Land-office, that they will abide by the determination of the said Commissioners respecting the classification thereof, and purchase the same, agreeably to the prices herein after affixed to be received from the said Connecticut Claimants.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Hemphill, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Miller,
Boileau,	Hofstetter,	M'Dowell,
Cocibaugh,	Hendricks,	Penrose,
Cunningham,	Harris,	Rugh,
Conrad,	Huston,	Raum,
Eyre,	Ingels,	Shoemaker,
Erwin,	Kennedy,	Snyder,
Ewalt,	Krause,	Udree,
Frailey,	Linnard,	Van Horne,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Wright,
Gehr,	Logan,	Weaver. 33.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Kirk,	Messrs. Stewart,
Albright,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Brown,	Kelly,	Speer,
Buckley,	Mewhorter,	Sample,
Barclay,	Martin,	Taylor,
Blair,	M'Pherson,	Turner,
Campbell,	Power,	Wharton,
Dunlop,	Preston,	Worrell,
Fisher,	Palmer,	Wilson,
Forster,	Seckel,	Welles,
Hall,	Stocker,	Williamson. 37.
Hemphill,	Stover,	
Keppele,	A. Scott,	

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend, by inserting in line 10, next after the word "*township*," the words, "*and pitches between the same and adjacent thereto ; provided the said pitches shall not exceed twenty in number, and six thousand acres in quantity.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

To amend, by inserting in line 10, next after the word "*township*," the following, viz. "*and pitches between the same and adjacent thereto ; provided the said pitches shall not exceed twenty in number, and five thousand acres in quantity.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment ?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Stocker,
Albright,	Hemphill,	Stover,
Brown,	Keppele,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Stewart,
Barclay,	Kelly,	Speer,
Blair,	Logan,	Sample,
Campbell,	Miller,	Taylor,
Dunlop,	Martin,	Turner,
Erwin,	Preston,	Wharton,
Fisher,	Palmer,	Worrell,
Forster,	Seckel,	Welles.
		33.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Hufton,	Messrs. Rugh,
Coolbaugh,	Ingels,	Raum,
Cunningham,	Keys,	Shoemaker,
Eyre,	Kennedy,	Snyder,
Ewalt,	Krause,	J. Scott,
Frailey,	Linnard,	Udree,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Van Horne,
Gehr,	Mewhorter,	Wright,
Hopkins,	M'Pherson,	Wilson,
Hofstetter,	M'Dowell,	Williamson,
Hendricks,	Penrose,	Weaver.
Harris,	Power,	35.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Eyre,

To postpone the further consideration of the said section and bill until Monday next.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to postpone ?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes ;” and to return two bills, entitled, respectively, viz. “ An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;” and “ An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading ;” which bills the Senate have passed.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to repeal the act for establishing a nightly watch, providing lamps, and supporting pumps, for public use, in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill ?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors’ apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill ?*”

It

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the first section thereof being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Boileau, seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of said section and bill be postponed for the present.

Mr. Dunlop asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, from Wednesday next.

Adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, March 18th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Fisher presented a memorial from the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the lot on Schuylkill, in the name of Pennington, and bounded north by Market-street, be not granted to the Schuylkill Bridge Company, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Sample presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Pine and Middlesex, in the county of Alleghency, praying a new election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Sample, Mr. Ewalt and Mr. Hendricks, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 11th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of the Northern-Liberties, Moyamensing and Passyunk, in the county of Philadelphia, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled " An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled " An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, " streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the " water

“ water courses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled “ An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

To amend the eighteenth rule for the government of this House, by adding thereto these words, “ *given by two thirds of the Members present.*”

Which was agreed to.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes,” was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors’ apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to repeal the act for establishing a nightly watch, providing lamps, and supporting pumps, for public use, in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The

The report on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Briar Creek and Fishing Creek, in the county of Northumberland, read the 14th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The motion made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Frailey, and read the 13th instant, was read the second time, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That during the remainder of the session this House will meet twice on each Tuesday and Friday in every week, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and four o'clock in the afternoon, unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Members present.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Wharton reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report of the committee on roads and inland navigation, read February 5th last, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect and maintain a wing-dam or dams in the river Delaware," and that it be the order for that day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this state from the state of New-York."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. A. Scott reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

On the question.—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the same having been fully considered.

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Penrose asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Worrell for the remainder of the Session.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.

2. An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.

3. An Act to continue an act, entitled "An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America."

4. An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.

And a resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of this State and of the United States.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, March 19th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.

2. An Act to continue an act, entitled "An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America."

3. An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.

4. An



4. An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingsfessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.

And two resolutions, viz.

1. A resolution for the distribution of certain laws of this State and of the United States.

2. A resolution authorising the printing of the election law.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the Governor be authorised to appoint an auctioneer for the sale of horses in said city, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Members from the city, with instructions to report by bill, or otherwise.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Pine and Middlesex, in the county of Allegheny, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to erect an election district in the county of Allegheny," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and state of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county," was read the third time.

On the question,—"*Shall this bill pass?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Eyre and Mr. Ingels, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Blair,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Dunlop,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Frailey,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hall,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Krause,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
Martin,

Y E A S.

Messrs. M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Rugh,  
Raum,  
Stover,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,

Y E A S.

Messrs. J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Welles,  
Weaver. 50.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Eyre,  
Follmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Lyle,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Snyder,  
Williamson. 10.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The first section recurring,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Kelly,

To amend the same, by striking out from the word "*signified*," in line 24, to the word "*Commissioners*," in line 27, inclusive, and to insert, in place of the words so stricken out, the following, viz. "*conveyed and released the same to the State by deeds duly executed, and filed in the Land-office, for the purpose and for the considerations expressed in this act, and until persons commonly called Connecticut Settlers, claiming land to the extent aforesaid, shall have signified in writing, under their hands and seals, duly executed in the presence of two witnesses, and filed in the Land-office, that they will submit to and abide by the determination of the said Commissioners; provided, that if part of the said land, but not to the extent aforesaid, shall have been released, or if the Connecticut Claimants to the extent aforesaid should not make their submissions, according to the provisions herein contained, then such release as shall have been made by Pennsylvania Claimants as aforesaid shall*"

*“ shall be null and void, and the property which shall have been so as afore-  
 said released shall vest and be held in the same manner, as if this act had  
 not been passed.”*

On the question,—*“ Will the House agree to the said amendment ?”*

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To reconsider the third section.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the same, by striking out the word *“ belongs,”* in line 9, and all that precedes it, and inserting the following, in place thereof, *“ that every Pennsylvania Claimant, who shall have conveyed and released to the commonwealth a regular title, as specified in this act, shall, on application to the Board of Property, be entitled to receive a ticket, directed to the Comptroller-General, stating the number of acres so released and conveyed to the commonwealth, and the class to which the said land belongs ; and also certifying the amount awarded by the Commissioners in favour of such Pennsylvania Claimants, and the balance of principal and interest due from such Pennsylvania Claimant to the commonwealth, on account of the original purchase money of such tract or tracts.”*

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,

To amend, by adding to the section the following, viz. *“ And in case of disputes between Pennsylvania Claimants, before the issuing of the certificates in pursuance of this act, such disputes shall be decided by the Board of Property, according to general usage ; provided, that their decision shall not prevent the party against whom it is made from prosecuting his claim in the Courts of law as usual ; and in case of an appeal from the decision of the Board of Property, the certificate shall not issue until the dispute shall be decided.”*

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To reconsider the fifth section.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 3 the words, *“ and pitches  
 aforesaid.”*

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To reconsider the fourth section.

Which was agreed to,

A motion was then made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,  
To amend the same, by striking out of line 4 the word "*three*," and inserting, in place thereof, the word "*six*."

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,  
To reconsider the sixth section.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,  
To amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz. "*And in case any of the land so exposed to sale should not sell for the sum for which it was offered to the Connecticut Claimants, then, and in such case, it shall be the duty of the Attorney-General, immediately thereafter, to cause legal process to be issued for dispossessing every such person of the land so claimed, and not sold by the commonwealth, excepting the case of minors under twenty-one years of age and persons beyond sea, who shall be allowed a further time of one year from the time the land claimed by them was exposed to sale as aforesaid, by themselves, guardians or attorneys, to make their application, and to comply with the terms of this act.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth," which the Senate hath passed; and three bills, entitled, respectively, viz. "A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars;" "An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough;" and "An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America;" which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The memorial from the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, read yesterday, was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bull, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Buckley, to report thereon.

Agreeably

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

*E O D E M D I E. P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America," was read the first time, as follows, viz.

SECT. X. line 5, strike out the word "*fifteen*," and, in place thereof, insert the word "*ten*."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," were severally read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," to wit.

SECT. I. lines 5 and 6, strike out the words, "*for the purpose of employing him, her or themselves, in the business or employment*," and, in place thereof, insert the word "*as*;" line 7, next after the word "*who*," insert the words, "*is a citizen of the United States, and who*."

Next after the section II. insert a new section, to wit.

"SECT. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person licensed for the purpose aforesaid shall be permitted to sell, vend or expose for sale, any foreign goods, wares or merchandize, in any private or public house, or any of the open streets, lanes or alleys, or any other part or place of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, or the townships of the Northern-Liberties, Moyamensing or Passyunk, or any of the corporate or county towns of this State, under the penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered and applied as before mentioned."

Make SECT. III. as numbered in the bill, SECT. IV.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough," were severally read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough."

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SECT. II. line 7, strike out the word "*house*," and, in place thereof, insert the word "*place*."

SECT. V. line 3, strike out the word "*freeholders*;" line 10, next after the word "*inhabitants*," insert the words, "*so far as respects regulating the weight and measure of the same*."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The first section being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Watson and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Follmer,	Messrs. Power,
Albright,	Forster,	Preston,
Buckley,	Hall,	Rugh,
Baird,	Hopkins,	Seckel,
Brooke,	Holtetter,	Snyder,
Boileau,	Hendricks,	J. Scott,
Blair,	Harris,	Speer,
Campbell,	Huston,	Sample,
Coolbaugh,	Keppele,	Turner,
Conrad,	Kennedy,	Van Horne,
Dunlop,	Krause,	Wilson,
Eyre,	Miller,	Welles,
Erwin,	Martin,	Williamson,
Ewalt,	M'Pherson,	Weaver. 42.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Brown,	Messrs. Ingels,	Messrs. Mewhorter,
Cunningham,	Kirk,	M'Dowell,
Frailey,	Lyle,	Penrose,
		N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Rauu,  
A. Scott,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Taylor,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Udree,  
Watson,  
Wright.

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So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act for incorporating the congregation of the  
" Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Caln, in the county of  
" Chester," was read the second time.

On the question,—*" Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
" whole House on the said bill ?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the  
rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act for incorporating the con-  
" gregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Caln,  
" in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and  
that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " An Act for  
" the relief of the Chambersburgh academy," postponed the 16th instant.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the  
bill, entitled " An Act to declare Fishing creek, in the county of North-  
" umberland, a public highway."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Forster reported the bill, with-  
out amendment.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 20th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Huston presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the  
county of Somerset, praying pecuniary aid to open and improve the road  
from the White Horse, on the top of Allegheney Mountain, through Ber-  
lin, and from thence in a western direction to the west side of Laurel-hill,  
which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate money to open and improve a new road over the Broad Mountain," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 14th instant, the Governor's message relative to the proclamation of the President of the United States, announcing combinations to defeat the execution of certain laws, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the said message under their serious consideration, and find cause of deep regret, that combinations to defeat the laws of the United States have a second time made their appearance in the State of Pennsylvania, as such combinations are repugnant not only to the pure principles of republicanism and the spirit of our constitution, but also highly dishonourable to the character of a portion of the citizens of our State.

That laws tending to lay the heaviest burdens on the most opulent part of the community should be opposed by those on whom they operate lightest, proves that the opposition has arisen from ignorance, or the most dark and malignant design.

The committee cannot hesitate to express, with the most lively sensibility, their entire disapprobation of such unwarrantable conduct, tending to the dissolution of our government, and subversive of the principles of tranquility and good order, and that it is the duty of every good citizen to discountenance such treasonable combinations; yet, as the general government has sufficient power to compel obedience to their laws, and the President has in his proclamation determined so to do in this instance, and has not thought the aid of this State necessary, they therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That this House will, when required, co-operate with the general government with alacrity and promptitude, to suppress unlawful and treasonable combinations to defeat the execution of the laws of the United States; but as no such co-operation is now required, this House consider their interference at present as wholly unnecessary.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of this city, relative to the legal appointment of an auctioneer for the sale of horses, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise, reported a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle, and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,



Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " An Act relative to the Land-office," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, February 22d last, the bill, entitled " An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Derby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expence thereof," and the petition of Caleb Davis, reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorize the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile-stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia," was read the third time.

Whereupon

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The report of the committee of conference on the bill, entitled "An Act to afford relief to Union academy, in the county of Northampton," read the 15th instant, was read the second time.

A motion was made by Mr. Power, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend the same, by striking out all that follows the word "*thereto*," and introducing, in their place, the words, "*but recommend that this House recede from their non-concurrence.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative, and the report adopted.

The amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America," read yesterday, was read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendment.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough," read yesterday, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars," were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act to grant a sum of money to the trustees of the academy of Canonsburgh, in Washington county."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. A. Scott reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the first section of the said bill.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

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The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entituled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to repeal the act for establishing a nightly watch, providing lamps, and supporting pumps, for public use, in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster.

2. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.

3. An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And that he had returned the bill, entituled “ An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned,” and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, March 21st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entituled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester, in the county of Chester, into a borough.

2. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for compleating a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.

3. An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

4. An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Follmer presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying an alteration in the judiciary system of the State, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, January 19th last, the petition of John Bioren, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the matter submitted to them under consideration, and find that it is proposed by the petitioner to print, in six volumes, the laws of this State, from the origin of the government to the end of the present session, with an index and marginal notes to each volume, on good paper and a new type, at the rate of eight dollars for each set.

The committee are of opinion that the offer of the petitioner ought to be embraced by the Legislature, inasmuch as the set complete could be obtained of Mr. Bioren for less money, than the price of a single volume of those now to be had: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorizing the Governor of this State to subscribe for                      copies of the laws of this State to be printed by John Bioren.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to divide the seventh election district in Northumberland county," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John, in West Caln, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate a further sum of money for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And

And the said bill having been fully considered,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the order of the Senate, I have the honour to present two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth ;” and “ An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State ;” likewise “ A Resolution ;” to all which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives ; and to return four bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes ;” “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in compleating three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes ;” “ An Act to indemnify General William Irvine for the loss of Montour’s Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States ;” and “ An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin ;” all which the Senate have passed.”

And having presented the said bills and resolution to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State,” was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth,” was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday, the 29th instant, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The Extract from the Journal of the Senate was read, as follows, viz.

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IN SENATE, TUESDAY, March 19th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, empowered and authorised, on the application of John Penn and Richard Penn, or their representatives or agent, to direct the proper officer or officers to deliver up to them such papers relating merely to their private estate, as in the opinion of the Attorney-General and Secretary of the Land-office they ought to have, and also to furnish, at the proper cost of the said John and Richard Penn, copies or exemplifications of any other papers, which came into the possession of the commonwealth by virtue of an act, entitled "An Act for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in the commonwealth," passed the 27th of November, 1779. And

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be transmitted to the House of Representatives, for concurrence.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Saturday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy.
2. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.
3. An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this state from the state of New-York.

That he had returned the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same; and also informed the Senate, that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the following bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

2. A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."

3. An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, March 22d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with a committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes.

2. A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."

3. An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin.

4. An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour's island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act enabling the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for making an artificial road from the borough of Lancaster to the river Susquehanna, at or near Wright's ferry," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, February 4th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Luzerne, praying that Lackawana creek, in the said county, be declared a public highway, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, conformably thereto. And

On motion, and by special order, the said report was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report be a committee, for the purpose expressed in the said resolution.

The committee to whom was referred, the 14th instant, the petition of Adam Nees, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have considered the case of the petitioner, and it appears to them that the said Adam Nees was imposed on in a base manner by the collector of Cocalico township, in Lancaster county, in forging a receipt for three hundred and fifty-five pounds seven shillings and six-pence, and also in producing a statement from the clerk of the Commissioners, in which it was stated that the balance due from the said collector was only seventy-five pounds, which he was sued for, and the petitioner, being fully satisfied that said collector was competent for that sum, became surety for him, and several years after the forgery abovementioned was found out, and the said collector prosecuted and convicted for the same, since which the petitioner has been called on for the said balance.

The committee consider this case as a very hard one, and which strongly pleads for legislative interference: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to exonerate the said Adam Nees from the payment of three hundred and fifty-five pounds seven shillings and six-pence, which sum shall be allowed to said county, in the settlement of their state taxes due to this commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate a further sum of money, for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The ninth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Lyle,

To amend the same, by striking out, from and after the word "*district*," in line 8, to the end of the section, and introducing, in place thereof, the following, viz. "*shall be a separate election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the House now occupied by George Baskins, within said district.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the bill, by inserting the following as an additional section, viz.

SECT XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the township of Oxford, in the county of Philadelphia, shall be, and it is hereby, erected into a separate election district;



district; and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the Frankford academy, in the town of Frankford.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Penrose and Mr. Weaver, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Horne,	Messrs. Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Penrose,	Messrs. Rugh, Rose, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, Sample, Udree, Van Horne, Wright, Wilson, Weaver.
		33.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Erwin, Fisher, Forster, Hall,	Messrs. Hemphill, Hopkins, Hostetter, Keppele, Kirk, Keys, Kelly, Kennedy, Miller, Martin, M'Pherson, Power, Preston,	Messrs. Palmer, Raum, Strickler, Stover, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Taylor, Turner, Watson, Welles, Williamson.
		38.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Power,  
To amend, by inserting the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the electors of the fourth election district in the county of Huntingdon shall hold their elections at the house of Frederick Chrisman, in the town of Hollidaysburgh.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,  
To amend, by inserting the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the electors of the district composed of the townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in the county of Mifflin, shall hold

hold their elections at the public school-house in Mifflin-town, in said county.

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Huston, and seconded by Mr. Cunningham, To amend, by adding the following section, viz.

SECT. XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the township of Salt-Lick, in the county of Fayette, shall be a separate election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Andrew Trapp, Esquire, in said township, to be called the sixth district.

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Lyle, To amend, by adding the following section, viz.

SECT. XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, so much of the county of Washington, as is included within the following lines, shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the road from Washington to Whelen crosses the State line; thence along said road to the fork of that and the Ten Mile road, near Waller's old fort; thence along the said Ten Mile road to Hugh Jackson's run; thence up the same to the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks; thence by said ridge to the dividing ridge between the waters of Ten Mile and Whelen creeks; thence by said ridge to the line between Greene and Washington counties; thence by the same to the State line; thence by the same to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by William M'Koy, within said district.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Weaver, To amend, by adding the following section, viz.

SECT. XXII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the county of Washington, as is herein after described, shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the State line crosses Buffalo creek; thence up the same to Brush run; thence up the same to Thomas Henderson's mill; thence by the road from the said mill to the Seceders meeting-house on Buffalo; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Chartier's creeks to and including Jacob Sailor's; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks to the head of Hugh Jackson's run; thence down said run to the Ten Mile road; thence along the same to the Whelen road; thence along the same to the State line; thence by said line to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Robert Taylor, in the town of Brunswick, within said district.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Frailey; and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hofstetter,  
Horne,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Harris,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Sample,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilfon,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 36.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Fisher,  
Hall,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 32.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, eight bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester, in the county of Chester, into a borough.

2. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.

3. An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams

liams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate. or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

4. An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

5. An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes.

6. A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."

7. An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin.

8. An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour's Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, March 23d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever.

2. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

Amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled, " An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth."

SECT. I. lines 6 and 7, strike out the words, " *the road leading through Faulkner's swamp to Philadelphia,*" and insert, in place thereof, " *the Fox-bill,*"

"Fox-hill, in Douglass township aforesaid; thence extending along the summit of said hill, until it intersects the road leading through Faulkner's swamp to Philadelphia, near the house now occupied by the Reverend Frederick Wyneland."

SECT. VI. line 2, make "*Beverdam*" read "*Beaver*," and make the same amendment in line 12.

SECT. IX. strike out, next after the word "*district*," in line 8, the remainder of the section, and insert the following in place thereof, "*shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by George Baskins within said district, any thing in any former law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*"

SECT. X. strike out from the word "*south*," in line 6, to the word "*thence*," in line 10, and insert, in the place of the words so stricken out, "*to the old line of Pennsylvania, thence west by said line to the two hundred and thirty-five mile tree.*"

SECT. XII. line 6, strike out "*fifteen*," and insert "*twelve*," in lieu thereof.

SECT. XIII. lines 3 and 4, strike out "*two hundred and thirty-one mile tree, on the old line of the State*," and insert, in their place, "*south-east corner of the triangle*;" line 4, strike out "*said*," and insert "*the old*;" and in the same line, between the words "*line*" and "*to*," insert "*of the State*;" line 8, strike out "*tenth*," and insert "*fourteenth*."

Strike out section XV. and insert the following in place thereof, viz.

NEW SECT. XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following bounds in the county of Allegheny, viz. beginning at the Allegheny river, at the division line between the depreciation and donation lands; thence west along said line to the north-west corner of Alexander's district; thence north to the division line, between the third and fourth donation districts; thence east to the Allegheny river; thence down said river to the place of beginning; shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by James Buchanan, in said district.

Insert the following section, viz.

SECT. XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following bounds in the county of Allegheny, viz. beginning at the north-west corner of the fourth district of donation lands; thence east along the division line, between the fourth and fifth districts of donation lands, nineteen miles; thence south to the division line, between the first and second districts of donation lands; thence west to the State line; thence north along said line to the place of beginning; shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by David Sample, in said district.

Make section XVI. in the printed bill, section XVII.

Insert new section, viz.

SECT. XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the electors of the fourth election district

frict in the county of Huntingdon shall hold their elections at the house of Frederick Chrisman, in the town of Hollidayburgh.

Make section XVIII. section XIX.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the townships of Greenwich and Albany, in the county of Berks, are hereby erected into a separate election district, and the citizens of said district shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Michael Croll, in the township of Greenwich aforesaid.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, so much of the county of Washington, as is included within the following lines, shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the road from Washington to Whelen crosses the State line; thence along said road to the fork of that and the Ten Mile road, near Waller's old fort; thence along the said Ten Mile road to Hugh Jackson's run; thence up the same to the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks; thence by said ridge to the dividing ridge, between the waters of Ten Mile and Whelen creeks; thence by said ridge to the line between Greene and Washington counties; thence by the same to the State line; thence by the same to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by William M'Koy, within said district.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the county of Washington as is herein after described shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the State line crosses Buffalo creek; thence up the same to Brush run; thence up the same to Thomas Henderson's mill; thence by the road from the said mill to the Seceders meeting-house on Buffalo; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Chartier's creek to and including Jacob Sailor's; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks to the head of Hugh Jackson's run; thence down said run to the Ten Mile road; thence along the same to the Whelen road; thence along the same to the State line; thence by said line to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Robert Taylor, in the town of Brunswick, within said district.

The report of the committee on the Governor's message, read the 20th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Logan, and seconded by Mr. Horne,

To add the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to cause full and due enquiry to be made into the causes of the said riots, and to make special report to this House thereon, particularly of any circumstances which may be alledged or discovered, tending to shew the origin of the same in the agency of foreign incendiaries, or the seditious views of domestic traitors.

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Logan and Mr. Snyder, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Gehr,  
Hartzell,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Mewhorter,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Weaver. 27.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Holtetter,  
Hendricks,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Raum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
Srickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 45.

So it was determined in the negative.

Agreeably to leave given, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ *An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.*”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, which was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts and resolutions of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.



I. An ACT to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.

II. An ACT for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.

III. An ACT to continue an act, entitled "An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America."

IV. An ACT for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.

V. A resolution for the distribution of the laws of this State, and of the United States.

VI. A resolution for printing five thousand copies of the act, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," passed this session.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, March 20th, 1799.*

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present two bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia;" and "An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof;" to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And to return the bill, entitled "An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned," which the Senate hath passed.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

Ordered, That Tuesday, April 2d next, be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon,



Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

Adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, March 25th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Welles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Luzerne, residing on the waters of Wyosocks and Towanda, praying a new election district, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Welles, Mr. Martin and Mr. Mewhorter, to report thereon.

Mr. Rugh presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Westmoreland, praying a division of the said county, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Snyder presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, praying permission to hold two fairs annually, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Follmer and Mr. Rose, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the petition of Samuel Walton, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of George Walton," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. Strickler,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 52 the word "*six*," and inserting the word "*four*," in place thereof.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Kirk, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> , Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Cunningham, Erwin, Hemphill, Hannum,	Messrs. Hopkins, Hoftetter, Hufston, Keppele, Kirk, Keys, Kennedy, Miller, Martin, M'Pherfon, Power,	Messrs. Seckel, Stocker, Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Wharton, Watfon, Welles, Williamfon. 33.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Campbell, Coolbaugh, Conrad, Eyre, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Horne,	Messrs. Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Ingels, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, M'Dowell, Penrose, Rugh,	Messrs. Rose, Raum, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, Sample, Turner, Udree, Wright, Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Horne,  
To amend, by inserting in line 37, next after the word "*shall*, the words,  
"*under the penalty of twenty dollars for every such neglect or refusal.*"  
Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Kirk,  
To amend, by adding the following, viz. *Provided nevertheless*, That in  
case the Commissioners, or a majority of them, in any county shall be in-  
cluded among the persons denominated exempts, or shall signify to the Bri-  
gade-Inspector that they are conscientiously scrupulous of collecting the fines  
directed by this act, in that case it shall be the duty of the Brigade-Inspector  
to deliver or transmit to the Sheriff of the county an accurate transcript of  
the exempts, so as aforesaid returned to him, and the Sheriff shall collect the  
sum of six dollars from each exempt, in the same manner as county taxes  
are directed by law to be collected; and the said Sheriff shall pay all such  
money by him collected (first having deducted therefrom five *per centum* on  
the amount) to the Treasurer of the county; and in case the Sheriff shall  
neglect or refuse to make such payment, he shall be proceeded against in the  
same manner, as in case of his refusal or neglect to pay county taxes, which  
shall have been collected by him agreeably to law.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Hemphill, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. Stover,
Bull,	Hannum,	Strickler,
Brown,	Keppeler,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Speer,
Brooke,	Keys,	Wharton,
Cunningham,	Power,	Watson. 22.
Forster,	Seckel,	
Hall,	Stocker,	

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Barclay,	Messrs. Horne,	Messrs. Penrose,
Baird,	Hartzell,	Rugh,
Boileau,	Hendricks,	Rose,
Blair,	Huston,	Raum,
Campbell,	Ingels,	Shoemaker,
Coolbaugh,	Kennedy,	Stewart,
Conrad,	Krause,	Snyder,
Eyre,	Linnard,	J. Scott,
Erwin,	Lyle,	Sample,
Ewalt,	Logan,	Turner,
Frailey,	Mewhorter,	Udree,
Follmer,	Miller,	Wright,
Gehr,	Martin,	Welles,
Hopkins,	M'Pherson,	Williamson,
Hoftetter,	M'Dowell,	Weaver. 45.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the section, as amended?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Buckley, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Bull,	Messrs. Gehr,	Messrs. Logan,
Barclay,	Hall,	Mewhorter,
Baird,	Hopkins,	Miller,
Boileau,	Hoftetter,	Martin,
Blair,	Horne,	M'Pherson,
Campbell,	Hartzell,	M'Dowell,
Coolbaugh,	Hendricks,	Penrose,
Cunningham,	Harris,	Rugh,
Conrad,	Huston,	Rose,
Eyre,	Ingels,	Raum,
Erwin,	Keppeler,	Stocker,
Ewalt,	Kennedy,	Strickler,
Frailey,	Krause,	Shoemaker,
Follmer,	Linnard,	Stewart,
Forster,	Lyle,	Snyder,
	[ 88 ]	Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Turner,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Udree,  
Wharton,  
Wright,  
Wilson,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 56.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Hemphill,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hannum,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Power,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
Stover,  
A. Scott,  
Watson. 12.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. Hemphill,  
To insert the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XXXIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That four days, in addition to the days authorized by this act, be, and they are hereby, appointed annually for all the commissioned officers of the several regiments within this State to meet together, at the most convenient time and place, to be fixed upon by the field officers of each regiment, that they may practise and perfect themselves in the military art, and become acquainted with the duties of a foldier; and the officers aforesaid shall appear with proper arms and uniform, and may take to their assistance a person of military knowledge, if they think proper, who shall on such days discipline and manœuvre the officers aforesaid; and the commanding officer of each regiment shall draw his warrant on the paymaster of the regiment, in favour of the person employed as aforesaid, for any sum not exceeding two dollars *per* day for his services, which shall be allowed out of the money raised by fines, and the same penalties, rules and regulations shall be observed, as are on the other days of exercise appointed by this act.

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Frailey, ending with the word "*uniform*."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the first part of the said section?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the second part?*"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Snyder,

To insert the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XXXV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Adjutant-General shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of this act, together with the rules and regulations for the discipline of the troops of the United States by the Baron Steuben, and cause the same to be distributed in the manner following, viz. to every General and field officer one copy; to every Captain, for the use of his company, one copy; and to every Adjutant one copy; and the expence of printing and distributing shall be allowed in the settlement of his account by the Comptroller-General.

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On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said section?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to appropriate a further sum of money, for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

2. An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever.

2. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned.

And that he had returned the bill, entitled “ An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth,” and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, March 26th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.

2. An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

3. An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.

4. An

4. An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Power presented a petition from Thomas Smiley, of the county of Cumberland, stating that he is confined in gaol, at the suit of the county Treasurer, for delinquency in the office of collector of taxes, and praying relief, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Power, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Raum, Mr. Gehr and Mr. Krause, to report thereon.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Lack township, in the county of Mifflin, praying that they may be permitted to hold their elections at Doctor Thomas Laughlin's, in Waterford, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Williamson, Mr. Harris and Mr. Blair, to report thereon.

Mr. Stocker presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Chester, Berks and Montgomery, praying a new county, which were read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on that subject, to report thereon.

The committee, to whom was referred the petitions from the county of Lycoming, praying a removal of the seat of justice of the said county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion, for the reasons therein stated, that the place in which their courts of justice are held is far from being central, either in point of territory or population.

This fact the committee are sensible, from the documents produced to them, was made known to the Legislature in their session succeeding the return of the Commissioners, who were authorised to fix upon the place wherein the said seat of justice should be placed, and which complaint has as often been repeated to the Legislature, as they have sat since.

From this circumstance the committee are of opinion, that, should a removal at this period take place, fewer objections would exist, than if no remonstrance had been made to the proceedings of the Commissioners. To make the seat of justice central, if practicable, the committee conceive necessary in all counties, and as the seat of justice in Lycoming county is neither so in territory or population, they are of opinion that it ought to be removed, and therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to remove the seat of justice in the county of Lycoming to \_\_\_\_\_ in said county.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter addressed to the Speaker, and signed A. J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, inclosing an account of the expenditures in his office for the year 1798, and an estimate of the probable expence for the year 1799, was presented, and read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred, together with the inclosed account and estimate, to the committee on ways and means, to report thereon.

The committee appointed to join a committee of the Senate, for the purpose of arranging and reporting the business, which, in their opinion, ought first to be acted upon, and the time when the Legislature ought to adjourn, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have met the committee of the Senate, agreeably to appointment, and considered the matters referred to them.

That the business before the Senate is in such forwardness, that it may be completed in a short time, but in the House of Representatives there are near sixty bills, in different stages of maturity, besides a number of reports of committees, and references to committees.

The committee are convinced, from the advanced season of the year, that it is impracticable for the Legislature to decide upon all the bills, reports and references, now before them.

This consideration, they presume, will impress both Houses with the impropriety of bringing forward any new business, except such as, from its importance, if not acted upon, might require a second session during the year.

As much of the remaining business, as time and a due consideration of the several subjects will admit, ought then to be taken up and completed.

Conformably to the opinion of the joint committee, the following resolution is submitted to the House, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Legislature adjourn, *sine die*, on Thursday, the fourth day of April next.

The annexed list contains such business, as, in the opinion of the committee, demands a preference, and which they recommend may be first decided on.

1. An Act to continue, for an additional period, "An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned."
2. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers.
4. An Act more effectually to prevent and punish any lawless intrusions and entry into and upon the territory of this commonwealth.



5. An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled " An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation."

6. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for the regulation of apprentices."

7. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

8. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

9. An Act for the abolition of slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

10. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

11. An Act to provide for the indemnification of the holders of unsatisfied warrants for lands in this commonwealth.

12. An Act concerning writs of partition.

13. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata, and the river Conemaugh."

14. An Act to repeal the act, entitled " An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine."

15. An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

16. An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes.

17. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

18. An Act to provide for opening a road from the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheny.

19. An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

20. General appropriation bill.

21. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

22. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The eighth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Hall,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 33, next after the word " one," the word " half."

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative.



The twenty-fifth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Harris,

To amend the same, by adding the following, viz. *Provided nevertheless,* That no unseated land shall be sold for any arrearages of taxes by virtue of this act, until three years tax shall be due thereon; but the holders of such unseated land, or the person or persons who may at any time occupy the same, shall be charged by the Commissioners at the rate of one *per centum* interest *per* month on all taxes assessed thereon, from the time such taxes may respectively have become due to the time of payment or sale, as aforesaid.

On the question,—“*Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Harris,

To amend, by inserting in line 19, next after “*newspapers,*” the words, “*and six times in at least three of the daily newspapers in the city of Philadelphia.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To insert the following, as an additional section, viz.

SECT. XXVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of each county within this commonwealth shall have and use one common seal, for the purpose of sealing their proceedings, and that copies of the same, when signed and sealed by the said Commissioners, and attested by their clerk, shall be good evidence of such proceedings, on the trial of any cause in any of the Courts within this commonwealth.

On the question,—“*Will the House agree to the said section?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered,* That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled “An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved,* That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered,* That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled “An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

*E O D E M D I E*, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, and the memorial of the Schuylkill Bridge Company, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That having heard the parties, and examined the documents submitted to them, the committee are not able to discover any sufficient reasons to prevent them from agreeing to the memorial of the Bridge Company; they are therefore of the opinion that the bill, as sent down by the Senate, entitled "An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned," ought to be passed into a law.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Lack, in the county of Mifflin, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for changing the place of holding the elections in the district of Lack, in the county of Mifflin, to the house of Doctor Thomas M'Laughlin, of Waterford.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled "An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses, and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An Act to divide the seventh election district in Northumberland county," was read the second time.

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On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?* ”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Follmer,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 14 the words, “ *any law to the contrary notwithstanding*,” and to insert, in place of the words so stricken out, the following, viz. “ *and that the township of Shamokin, now a part of the first district in said county, shall be a separate election district, to be called the seventeenth district, and that the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Jacob Reed, in the township aforesaid.* ”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,

To add the following section, viz.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the electors of the district composed of the townships of Fermanagh and Milford, in the county of Mifflin, shall hold their elections at the public school-house in Mifflin town, any thing in any law contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Huston, and seconded by Mr. M'Dowell,

To add the following section, viz.

SECT. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, the township of Salt-Lick, in the county of Fayette, shall be, and the same is hereby, erected into a separate election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Andrew Trapp, Esquire, in said township, to be called the sixth district, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewalt, and seconded by Mr. Sample,

To add the following section, viz.

SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That that part of Versailles township, in the county of Allegheny, that lies south-west of the State road leading to Pittsburgh, viz. beginning at the mouth of the Youghiogeni river; thence down the Monongahela river to the mouth of Turtle creek; thence up said creek to the State road; thence along the said road to the line of the counties of Westmoreland and Allegheny; thence along said line to the Youghiogeni river; thence down said river to the place of beginning; shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Adam Johnston, in M'Kee's port, any thing in any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Sample, and seconded by Mr. Power,  
To amend, by adding the following section, viz.

SECT. V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the county of Allegheny as is hereafter described, viz. beginning on the line dividing Elder's and Cunningham's districts of depreciation land, five miles north from the mouth of Bull creek, being the south-east corner of Middlesex township; thence west twenty miles to the west side of Alexander's district of depreciation lands; thence north along the west line to the line dividing the depreciation and donation lands; thence east along the last mentioned line to the line dividing Elder's and Cunningham's districts aforesaid; thence south to the place of beginning; shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Andrew M'Clure in said district.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to erect and alter certain  
" election districts within this commonwealth," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to alter the fifth election  
" district in the county of Somerset, and for other purposes therein men-  
" tioned," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
" whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. M'Dowell, and seconded by Mr. Lyle,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 4 the words, "*the mouth of,*" and inserting, in their place, the words, "*Swearengen's lower ferry, on the  
" Monongahela river; thence along the road leading from said ferry to the  
" town of Washington, as far as.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Power, and seconded by Mr. Buckley,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill and amendment for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled " An Act making provision for the opening and im-  
" proving of a road over the Penn's Valley Mountains, in the county of  
" Mifflin," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the  
" whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

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The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Williamson, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by striking out from and after the word "*sum*," in line 10, to the end of the section, and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*he shall be entitled to credit in the settling his accounts with the Comptroller-General of this commonwealth, on producing the warrant, and a receipt for the payment of the same.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled " An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 27th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee, to whom were referred the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Chester, Berks and Montgomery, praying a new county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petition into their consideration, and having maturely considered the same, are of opinion, that the inconveniences mentioned in the petition are not so great as to justify the Legislature in passing a law to erect a new county, whereby the State would be at the annual expence of paying salaries to Judges, &c. They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, the 25th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Luzerne, praying a new election district, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have considered the prayer of the said petitioners, and are of opinion that the same ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill conformably thereto.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorize John Findley to erect and maintain a dam across the Kiskiminetas river, in Westmoreland county," was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” was read the third time.

On the question,—“ *Shall this bill pass, with the following amendments?*” viz.

SECT. II. line 37, between the words “ *shall*” and “ *yearly*,” insert “ *under the penalty of twenty dollars for every such neglect or refusal;*” line 62, next after the word “ *act*,” insert “ *and the said county Treasurers respectively shall account for and pay yearly to the Treasurer of the commonwealth all such fines from exempts, as they shall receive by virtue of this act.*”

SECT. III. line 12, next after the word “ *artillery*,” insert “ *which company shall be furnished with one piece of ordnance, at the expence of the State;*” line 16, between the words “ *cavalry*” and “ *infantry*,” strike out the word “ *and;*” and next after “ *infantry*” insert “ *and riflemen.*”

SECT. V. line 2, strike out, next after “ *standards*,” the words “ *to be;*” line 3, next after the word “ *State*,” strike out “ *to*,” and insert, in place thereof, “ *for.*”

SECT. VI. line 12, next after the word “ *pistols*,” insert “ *the holsters of which shall be covered with bear skin caps.*”

SECT. VII. line 18, between the words “ *General*” and “ *appointed*,” insert “ *with the rank of Brigadier-General.*”

SECT. VIII. line 6, next after the word “ *camp*,” insert “ *and the Brigadiers-General their Brigade-Majors.*”

SECT. IX. line 9, after the word “ *required*,” insert “ *for which blank forms he shall be allowed in the settlement of his accounts with the Comptroller-General.*”

SECT. X. next after the word “ *year*,” in line 20, insert “ *designating in each list the class to which each person belongs, under the penalty of twenty dollars.*”

SECT. XII. line 51, strike out, next after “ *106*,” the word “ *and;*” line 52, next after “ *112*,” insert “ *and by Lieutenant-Colonel Tietfworth No. 123.*”

SECT. XIV. line 5, strike out “ *May*,” and insert “ *April*,” in place thereof, and make the same amendment in line 8.

SECT. XVI. lines 19 and 21, strike out “ *May*,” and insert “ *April.*”

SECT. XVIII. line 6, between the words “ *the*” and “ *officers*,” insert “ *commanding;*” and make “ *officers*” “ *officer;*” line 8, strike out “ *the*,”  
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between the words "to" and "sergeant," and insert, in place thereof "a;" line 29, strike out *and*," between the words "drummers and fifers;" strike out next after the word "fifers," in line 29, all that follows to the word "proper," in line 31, inclusive, and insert, in place thereof, "trumpeters and buglers, and for such other uses of the regiment as are contemplated by this act;" line 32, next after the word "regiment," insert the words, "on the first Monday in December."

SECT. XXI. line 8, next after the word "march," insert "or find a person to march."

SECT. XXIII. article 1, line 12, strike out "himself."

Article 2, line 9, strike out "them," at the end of the line.

Article 5, line 4, strike out, next after the word "shall," the word "be," and insert, in place thereof, "not be under the rank of."

Article 9, next after the word "persons," in line 1, insert "belonging to the militia;" and add to the said article, "in any sum not exceeding four dollars."

Article 16, line 3, make "providing" read "provided."

SECT. XXIV. line 4, strike out, between the words "going" and "to," the word "out."

SECT. XXV. line 9, strike out the words "the said," and insert, in place thereof, the word "this."

SECT. XXVI. line 2, strike out "the direction of."

SECT. XXVII. line 6, next after the word "neglect," insert "of the owner;" line 8, strike out "Inspector," and insert "Governor;" insert "State" before "Treasurer" in line 9, and add to the section the following, viz. "on his producing to the Governor a certificate of the loss of said horse, signed by the commanding officer of the detachment to which he did belong whilst in actual service, together with a certificate of the valuation, signed by the Brigade-Inspector."

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXXIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That four days, in addition to the days authorized by this act, be, and they are hereby, appointed annually for all the commissioned officers of the several regiments within this State to meet together at the most convenient time and place, to be fixed upon by the field officers of each regiment, that they may practise and perfect themselves in the military art, and become acquainted with the duties of a soldier; and the officers aforesaid shall appear with proper arms and uniform.

Make SECT. XXXIII. SECT. XXXIV. and in line 2, between the words "grenadier," and "or," insert the word "rifle."

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXXV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Adjutant-General shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of this act, together with the rules and regulations for the discipline of the troops of the United States by the Baron Steuben, and cause the same to be distributed in the manner following, viz. to every General and field officer



one copy ; to every Captain, for the use of his company, one copy ; and to every Adjutant one copy ; and the expences of printing and distributing shall be allowed in the settlement of his account by the Comptroller-General.

Make SECT. XXXV. SECT. XXXVI.

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Preston, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Albright, Barclay, Baird, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Campbell, Coolbaugh, Cunningham, Conrad, Eyre, Erwin, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Hall,	Messrs. Hopkins, Hostetter, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Mewhorter, Miller, Martin, M'Pherson, M'Dowell, Penrose,	Messrs. Rugh, Rose, Raum, Strickler, Shoemaker, Stewart, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Turner, Udree, Van Horne, Wharton, Wright, Wilson, Welles, Williamson, Weaver.
		54.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Bull, Brown, Hemphill, Hannum,	Messrs. Kirk, Keys, Power, Preston, Palmer,	Messrs. Seckel, Stover, A. Scott, Taylor, Watson.
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So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entituled “ An Act to repeal part of an act, entituled An Act  
“ for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes  
“ and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses  
“ and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of  
“ Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for  
“ other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entituled “ An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix  
“ to Lawrence Allman, deceased,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence. The



The bill, entitled “ An Act making provision for the opening and improving a road over the Penn’s Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the directions of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives ; and to return the bill, entitled “ An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.”

SECT. I. line 13, next after the word “ *persons*,” insert “ *fourteen of whom shall be resident in the city of Philadelphia*,” and strike out “ *of whom shall reside* ;” line 14, strike out “ *and* ;” line 24, next after the word “ *Hospitals*,” insert “ *seven of whom shall be resident in the city of Philadelphia*,” and strike out “ *of whom shall reside* ;” line 25, strike out “ *and* .”

SECT. III. line 4, strike out “ *March*,” and insert “ *April*,” and strike out “ *November*,” and insert “ *October*.”

SECT. IV. line 6, next after the word “ *commander*,” insert “ *and from the officer second in command, or any other person on board, whom they may think proper, severally and apart from and as soon as may be after each other*.”

SECT. V. line 9, strike out “ *May*,” and insert “ *June*,” and strike out “ *last*,” and insert “ *tenth* ;” line 24, next after the word “ *quarantine*,” insert the words “ *unless she shall be furnished with one or more ventilators, in such form as the board of health shall approve, whereof public notice shall be given in at least two of the newspapers printed in this city, within*”

"two weeks after the passing of this act, in which case the cargo of the said vessel shall be re-delivered, and shall be discharged as aforesaid, provided she has been at least ten days under quarantine."

Line 30, next after the word "quarantine," insert the words, "and whenever the board of health shall have reason to apprehend that the health of the city will be endangered by permitting any vessel, persons or cargo, coming from places infected, or usually infected, with the plague, to proceed to or be landed at the city of Philadelphia, they shall have full power and authority to detain and unlade the said vessel, and cause such measures to be taken, as will be conducive to the purification of such vessel, and of the persons and cargo on board thereof: Provided always, that until the accommodations necessary for landing and receiving the goods, wares and merchandize, to be landed as aforesaid, shall be erected or provided, such goods, wares and merchandize (bedding and cloathing always excepted) may be unladen into lighters, and after remaining therein during so long a time as shall be directed by the board of health, not being less than twenty-four hours, may be conveyed in such lighters to the city of Philadelphia, subject to such exceptions, regulations and restrictions, with respect to the unloading, detention, ventilating, transporting, and delivery thereof, as may be established by the said board of health, whose duty it shall be, in making such regulations, to prevent the transportation to Philadelphia of any putrifying substance, and also to prevent any personal intercourse between the lightermen conducting such lighters, and the persons on board the ships or vessels, from which such goods, wares and merchandize, may be so unladen, or on board any other ship or vessel detained under quarantine as aforesaid: And provided also, that when any ship or vessel, coming from or having touched at any of the places in this section mentioned, shall be furnished with a bill of health, signed by some consul, or other well known responsible agent or officer of the United States, residing at such place or places, some discreet person, nominated and authorized by the board of health to act in that behalf, which bill of health shall certify, that after due enquiry it appears that no pestilential or contagious disease existed at such place or places, or the harbour or harbours thereof, at the time of signing the said bill of health, or within forty days before such time; and when the Resident Physician and Quarantine Master shall certify to the board of health, that after due examination of the master or commander, and other officers or persons on board such ship or vessel, they are satisfied as to the truth of the facts set forth in such bill of health, and also that no pestilential or contagious disease, or unwholesome vapour likely to produce such disease, exists, or has existed, during the voyage on board such ship or vessel, and when the board of health shall have signified their approbation thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Resident Physician and Quarantine Master to give to the master or commander of such ship or vessel a certificate of the said facts, whereupon she may proceed without further detention to the city of Philadelphia, and having deposited the said last mentioned certificate in the Health-office, according to the provisions and under the penalties in the fourth section of this act mentioned, may deliver her cargo and passengers at the said city: And provided further, that when the master or commander of any ship or vessel, lying at the place of quarantine aforesaid, on board of which no pestilential or contagious disease shall exist, shall be desirous of

"proceeding

“ proceeding to some other port or place beyond the Capes of Delaware, and  
 “ shall give bond, with security to be approved by the Board of Health, con-  
 “ ditioned that no part of the cargo, or any of the crew or passengers on board  
 “ such ship or vessel, shall be landed at any place within the said Capes of De-  
 “ laware, or within the distance of fifty miles beyond the same, such ship  
 “ or vessel shall be allowed to proceed accordingly, without further delay or  
 “ detention.”

SECT. VI. line 5, strike out the word “ *May,*” and, in place thereof, in-  
 sert “ *June;*” and strike out the word “ *last,*” and, in place thereof, insert  
 “ *tenth.*”

SECT. VII. line 7, strike out the word “ *May,*” and, in place thereof, in-  
 sert “ *June;*” and strike out the word “ *last,*” and, in place thereof, insert  
 “ *tenth.*”

SECT. VIII. strike out the words, “ *during the months of April, May,*  
 “ *June, July, August, September and,*” and, in place thereof, insert the words,  
 “ *between the last day of April and the last day of;*” line 10, strike out the  
 words, “ *to be deducted out of his salary.*”

SECT. X. line 6, strike out the words, “ *opposite to the said lazaretto,*” and  
 insert, in place thereof, the words, “ *near the lazaretto, at such distance from*  
 “ *any other vessel or vessels under quarantine, as may prevent the communication*  
 “ *of any infectious disease to or from the same;*” line 10, next after the word  
 “ *master,*” insert the words, “ *to prevent any personal intercourse between the*  
 “ *persons on board different vessels under quarantine, and for that purpose to*  
 “ *take possession of and secure the boats of such vessels, until their respective*  
 “ *times of quarantine shall be compleated.*”

SECT. XI. line 5, next after the word “ *afflicted,*” insert the words, “ *or*  
 “ *suspected to be afflicted.*”

SECT. XIII. line 13, next after the word “ *to,*” insert the words, “ *occupy*  
 “ *the house hitherto occupied by the Resident Physician, and in case the lazaretto*  
 “ *shall be removed, to have suitable apartments provided for him, to have.*”

SECT. XIV. line 24, next after the word “ *obtained,*” insert the words  
 “ *and producing;*” line 48, strike out the word “ *first,*” and, in place there-  
 of, insert the word “ *last;*” and strike out the word “ *May,*” and, in place  
 thereof, insert “ *April;*” line 56, next after the word “ *lazaretto,*” insert  
 the words, “ *such person or persons.*”

SECT. XVIII. lines 18 and 19, strike out “ *passengers in stages or other*  
 “ *carriages, or on horse or foot,*” and, in place thereof, insert the word  
 “ *persons;*” and strike out the words “ *by land;*” line 30, next preceding  
 “ *civil,*” insert “ *other.*”

SECT. XXIII. line 11, strike out the words “ *or occupiers.*”

SECT. XXV. at the end of the section, insert “ *and shall publish the same*  
 “ *in one or more newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia.*”

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That  
 no pilot bringing a ship or vessel to the lazaretto in an apparent state of good  
 health shall be obliged to perform quarantine; but it shall be lawful for the  
 Resident Physician to grant such pilot a certificate, permitting him to pro-  
 ceed

ceed to the Capes of Delaware, in order that he may prosecute his profession, but such pilot shall not on any pretence come into the city of Philadelphia, the Northern-Liberties, the district of Southwark, or townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, for twenty days from the date of such certificate, under the penalty of one hundred dollars, and also of one year's imprisonment, which penalty shall be recovered and applied in the manner herein before directed; and any pilot bringing to the said lazaretto a ship or vessel infected, or suspected to be infected, with any pestilential or contagious disease, may be permitted to go and remain on shore, within the bounds of the lazaretto, during the time the ship or vessel brought thither by him shall be detained under quarantine: *Provided always*, That if he shall be infected with any such disease as aforesaid, he shall be detained and treated in like manner as seamen or passengers so infected are herein directed to be detained and treated: *And provided further*, That if he shall go without the bounds of the said lazaretto, he shall be liable to the same penalties as are by this act imposed on seamen or passengers escaping therefrom."

SECT. XXVI. make SECT. XXVII.

SECT. XXVII. make SECT. XXVIII.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Friday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this act, the several reserved tracts of land adjoining to the towns of Erie, Franklin, Waterford, Warren and Beaver, shall be, and they are hereby, offered for sale to persons who will cultivate, improve and settle the same, by  
building

building thereon a habitation for man, clearing at least                      acres of land, and residing thereon for the space of                      years next after such habitation and improvement shall be made, at the rate of                      *per* acre; and upon the application of any person, who may hereafter settle, improve, and continue upon any part of the said reserved tracts of land as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Land-office, and he is hereby authorised and required, to grant to such settler a warrant, under the same restrictions and regulations as they were to be granted to those persons, who should make actual settlements and improvements under the act, entitled “ An Act for “ the sale of the vacant lands within this commonwealth,” passed the third day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, excepting such parts thereof as are hereby altered and amended: Provided always, That there shall not be granted to any one person more than                      acres of land, by virtue of any such settlement, improvement and residence aforesaid.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Wilson, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hostetter,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hartzell,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
J. Scott,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 26.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Erwin,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Horne,  
Harris,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Mewhorter,  
M'Pherfon,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Srickler,  
A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 41.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Dowell, and seconded by Mr. Frailey.

To amend, by striking out of line 9 the word “ *Beaver*,” and inserting the word “ *and*” next after the word “ *Warren*.”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted. The

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the same, by adding to the end thereof these words, viz. "*and the Governor is hereby authorized to grant patents to the purchaser or purchasers of any tract or tracts, on the payment of the second instalment; provided that such purchaser or purchasers mortgage such tract or tracts for the remaining instalments to become due to the commonwealth.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Speer, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

To postpone the further consideration of the section for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend, by striking out of line 10 the word "*six*," and inserting the word "*four*," in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend, by striking out of line 11 the word "*four*," and inserting the word "*three*," in place thereof.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

The seventh section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Weaver,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered;

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave was granted, and that they sit again on Friday next, P. M.

The Clerk reported that he had returned the bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with

with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.
2. An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.
3. An Act for incorporating the Trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
4. An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, March 28th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes.
2. A Supplement to an act, entitled "An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."
3. An Act to indemnify General William Irvine for the loss of Montour's Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.
4. An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
5. An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.
6. An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin.
7. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester, in the county of Chester, into a borough.
8. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.
9. An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.



10. An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

11. An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.

12. An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

13. An Act to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever.

14. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Follmer presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying a division of the said county, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, February 4th last, the petition of George Welles, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they having had the same under consideration, and being of opinion that a dam may be erected under certain regulations at the place prayed, without doing an injury to the navigation; and as streams in the vicinity (on which mills may be erected) are few, and in the summer season usually too low for doing business, and thereby the inhabitants put oftentimes to great inconveniences for the want of grinding, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted: They offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorise the petitioner to erect a dam, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred, January 19th last, the petition of certain owners of property on Greenwich island, in the county of Philadelphia, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into their serious consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and just: They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, conformably to the prayer of said petition.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be requested to draw a warrant on the State-Treasurer, in favour of Joseph Bullock, Clerk of this House, for the sum of



of five hundred dollars, he to be accountable for the same in the settlement of his account.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," read yesterday, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments, except the following, which they non-concur and amend, viz.

SECT. III. line 4, strike out "*March*," and insert "*April*;"—non-concured.

SECT. V. line 9, strike out "*May*," and insert "*June*," and strike out "*last*," and insert "*tenth*;"—non-concured.

Line 30, next after the word "*quarantine*," insert "*and whenever the board of health shall have reason to apprehend that the health of the city will be endangered, by permitting any vessel, persons or cargo, coming from places infected, or usually infected with the plague, to proceed to or be landed at the city of Philadelphia, they shall have full power and authority to detain and unlade the said vessel, and cause such measures to be taken as will be conducive to the purification of such vessel, and of the persons and cargo on board thereof: Provided always, that when the master or commander of any ship or vessel, lying at the place of quarantine aforesaid, on board of which no pestilential or contagious disease shall exist, shall be desirous of proceeding to some other port or place beyond the Capes of Delaware, and shall give bond, with security, to be approved by the board of health, conditioned that no part of the cargo, or any of the crew or passengers, on board such ship or vessel shall be landed at any place within the said Capes of Delaware, or within the distance of fifty miles beyond the same, such ship or vessel shall be allowed to proceed accordingly, without further delay or detention*;"—concured.

SECT. VI. line 5, strike out the word "*May*," and, in place thereof, insert "*June*;" and strike out the word "*last*," and, in place thereof, insert the word "*tenth*;"—non-concured.

SECT. VII. line 7, strike out the word "*May*," and, in place thereof, insert "*June*;" and strike out the word "*last*," and, in place thereof, insert "*tenth*;"—non-concured.

SECT. VIII. strike out the words "*during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and*," and, in place thereof, insert the words, "*between the last day of April and the last day of*;"—non-concured.

New section 26, amend, by inserting, next after the word "*Moyamensing*," the words "*and Passyunk*," and make "*township*" read "*townships*."

The bill, entitled "An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise John Findley to erect and " maintain a dam across the Kiskiminetas river, in Westmoreland county," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of " the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for " other purposes."

After some time, -

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the order of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled " An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania " Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of " Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which the Senate have passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act for offering " compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the " seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes " therein mentioned."

SECT. III. lines 12 and 13, strike out the words "*a sufficient warrant for*;" line 16, next after the word "*amount*," insert the words, "*after " having deducted the principal and interest so due to the commonwealth*;" line 18, next after the word "*accordingly*," insert the words, "*and to alter or " renew such certificates, so as to accommodate payments at the Land-office.*"

SECT. V. strike out from the word "*them*," in line 9, to the word "*and*," in line 11.

Ordered to lie on the table.

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The report of the committee appointed to join a committee of the Senate, for the purpose of arranging and reporting the unfinished business, which in their opinion ought first to be acted on, and the time when the Legislature ought to adjourn, read the 26th instant, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend the same, by striking out the words "*Thursday, the fourth,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the words "*Tuesday, the sixteenth.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Keys, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend, by striking out the words "*Thursday, the fourth,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the words "*Tuesday, the ninth.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, and seconded by Mr. Watson,

To postpone the further consideration of the said resolution for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of George Walton," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Ewalt,

To amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz. *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to bar or defeat any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of any right, title, interest, claim or demand, which they may have in or to the said lot of ground, or any part thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, four bills, entituled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to repeal part of an act, entituled An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.

3. An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin.

4. An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, March 29th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hufton presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Fayette, praying aid to open and improve a road from the White Horse tavern, on the Allegheny mountain, through Berlin, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the said report was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on roads and inland navigation, to report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred, the 26th instant, the petition of Thomas Smilie, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entituled " An Act for the relief of Thomas Smilie, an insolvent collector, confined in the gaol of Cumberland county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, December 19th last, the bill, entituled " An Act supplementary to the act, entituled " An Act to incorporate the Conewago Canal Company," reported a bill, entituled " An Act to allow the Conewago Canal Company to exact a toll from the boats, rafts and vessels, using the same," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

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The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," were severally read the second time.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House concur the first, second and third amendments.

The fourth amendment, viz. " Section 5, strike out the word " *them* " in line 9, to the word " *and* " in line 11," being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the said amendment ?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Seckel,
Bull,	Hemphill,	Stocker,
Brown,	Hannum,	Stover,
Buckley,	Harris,	A. Scott,
Barclay,	Keppele,	Speer,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Blair,	Logan,	Turner,
Campbell,	Miller,	Wharton,
Coolbaugh,	Martin,	Watson,
Eyre,	M'Pherfon,	Welles,
Erwin,	Power,	Williamson. 37.
Fisher,	Preston,	
Forster,	Palmer,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Hartzell,	Messrs. Raum,
Baird,	Hendricks,	Srickler,
Boileau,	Hufon,	Shoemaker,
Cunningham,	Ingels,	Stewart,
Conrad,	Keys,	Snyder,
Ewalt,	Krause,	J. Scott,
Frailey,	Lyle,	Sample,
Follmer,	Mewhorter,	Udree,
Gehr,	M'Dowell,	Van Horne,
Hopkins,	Penrose,	Wright,
Hoftetter,	Rugh,	Wilson,
Horne,	Rose,	Weaver. 36.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled " An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of compleating the building " of

of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia," which the Senate hath passed; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled "An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth," except the following, which they non-concur, viz.

SECT. IX. strike out next after the word "*district*," in line 8, the remainder of the section, and insert the following in place thereof, "*shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by George Baskins, within said district, any thing in any former law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*"

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, so much of the county of Washington as is included within the following lines shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the road from Washington to Whelen crosses the State line; thence along said road to the fork of that and the Ten Mile road, near Waller's old fort; thence along the said Ten Mile road to Hugh Jackson's run; thence up the same to the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks; thence by said ridge to the dividing ridge between the waters of Ten Mile and Whelen creeks; thence by said ridge to the line between Greene and Washington counties; thence by the same to the State line; thence by the same to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by William McKoy, within said district.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the county of Washington as is herein after described shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the State line crosses Buffalo creek; thence up the same to Brush run; thence up the same to Thomas Henderson's mill; thence by the road from the said mill to the Seceders meeting-house on Buffalo; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Chartier's creek to and including Jacob Sailor's; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks to the head of Hugh Jackson's run; thence down said run to the Ten Mile road; thence along the same to the Whelen road; thence along the same to the State line; thence by said line to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Robert Taylor, in the town of Brunswick, within said district.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment. And

On motion, and by special order, the said bill was read the second time.

The

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the            day of            the permanent seat of the government of Pennsylvania shall be established at the borough of Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin, and all offices attached to the seat of government of Pennsylvania shall be removed to the said borough of Harrisburgh, by their respective holders, and shall, after the            day of            cease to be exercised elsewhere.

On the question,—“*Will the House agree to postpone?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Preston, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Fisher,  
Hall,  
Keppele,  
Kennedy,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Krause,  
Linnard,  
Martin,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Wharton,  
Williamson. 16.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Erwin,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hoftetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Keys,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Palmer,  
Rugh,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Weaver. 57.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Keppele, and seconded by Mr. Power,

To amend the section, by striking out of line 7, the word “*Lancaster*,” and inserting, in place thereof, the word “*Harrisburgh*.”



On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Power, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Coolbaugh, Conrad, Eyre, Hall, Keppele,	Messrs. Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Martin, Penrose,	Messrs. Power, Stocker, Williamson. 13.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Baird, Brooke, Boileau, Blair, Campbell, Cunningham, Erwin, Ewalt, Fisher, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Hemphill,	Messrs. Hannum, Hopkins, Hoftetter, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Keys, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Miller, M'Pherfon, M'Dowell, Preston, Palmer, Rugh, Rose,	Messrs. Seckel, Strickler, A. Scott, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Udree, Van Horne, Wharton, Watson, Wright, Wilson, Welles, Weaver. 59.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the section?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Linnard, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Albright, Brown, Buckley, Barclay, Baird, Blair, Campbell, Cunningham, Ewalt, Frailey,	Messrs. Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Hopkins, Hoftetter, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston,	Messrs. Keys, Krause, Lyle, Mewhorter, Miller, M'Pherfon, M'Dowell, Rugh, Rose, Strickler, Y E A S.



Y E A S.

Messrs. A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Speer,  
Sample,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wright,

Y E A S.

Wilfon,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 43.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Bull,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Hall,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,  
Kennedy,  
Linnard,  
Logan,  
Martin,  
Penrose,  
Power,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Taylor,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 30.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Keppele, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Bull,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Boileau,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Hall,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,  
Kennedy,  
Linnard,  
Logan,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Taylor,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles. 29.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Baird,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Huston,  
Keys,  
Krause,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Rugh,  
Rose,

N A Y S.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Strickler, A. Scott, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder,	Messrs. J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Turner, Udree,	Messrs. Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 40.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Fisher,  
To amend the section, by striking out of lines 4 and 5 the words, “ *the  
Treasurer of the State.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Keppele,  
and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i> Bull, Brooke, Eyre, Erwin, Fisher, Hall,	Messrs. Hemphill, Hannum, Keppele, Kennedy, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,	Messrs. Stocker, Stover, Taylor, Wharton, Welles. 19.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Albright, Brown, Buckley, Baird, Boileau, Campbell, Cunningham, Conrad, Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Hopkins, Hostetter, Horne,	Messrs. Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston, Ingels, Keys, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Miller, M'Pherson, M'Dowell, Penrose, Rugh,	Messrs. Rose, Strickler, A. Scott, Shoemaker, Stewart, Snyder, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Turner, Udree, Van Horne, Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 47.

So it was determined in the negative, and the section agreed to.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 2 the words, “ *Matthias  
Barton, Jacob Strickler,*” and inserting, in place thereof, the words  
“ *Abraham Witmer, John Hubley.*”

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Keppele,
Eyre,	Kennedy,
Erwin,	Linnard,
Fisher,	Penrose,
Ingels,	Preston,

Messrs. Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Van Horne,  
Wells. 14.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Baird,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hall.

Messrs. Hopkins,  
Hofstetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keys,  
Krause,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Rugh,  
Rose,

Messrs. Stocker,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver.

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Stocker,

To amend, by striking out, from and after the word "*respectively*," in line 13, to the end of the section.

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend, by adding the following to the end of the section, viz.

Provided always, that the said commissioners shall be accountable, to the proper officers that may be hereafter appointed to receive them, for all such books and papers as may be committed to their care by the officers aforesaid.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Linnard, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*. Messrs. Fisher,  
Blair, Hall,  
Conrad, Huston,  
Erwin, Keppele,

Messrs. Kennedy,  
Linnard,  
Penrose,  
Preston,

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Sample,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,

Y E A S.

Welles,  
Williamson. 20.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Baird,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Keys,  
Krause,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Rugh,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wright,  
Willson,  
Weaver. 38.

So it was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

The fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To amend the same, by adding thereto the following words, viz. "*in the settlement of their accounts with the Register and Comptroller-General of this commonwealth, as other accounts are to be settled by law.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hopkins, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Erwin,  
Hall,  
Keppele,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Kennedy,  
Linnard,  
Penrose,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Stocker,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Sample,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Williamson. 16.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Baird,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Cunningham,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Forster,  
Gehr,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keys,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Krause,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
M'Dowell,  
Rugh,  
Rose,  
A. Scott,  
Shoemaker,

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Stewart,  
Snyder,  
J. Scott,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Speer,  
Turner,  
Udree,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver.

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So it was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.
2. An Act to authorize John Findley to erect and maintain a dam across the Kiskiminetas river, in Westmoreland county.
3. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

And that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and also informed the Senate of the concurrence and non-concurrence of this House to the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases."

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, March 30th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred, January 25th last, the petition of George Funk, praying a toll for crossing the bridge over Dunning's creek, Bedford county, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have considered the petition, and find that the said bridge was built by the county of Bedford, on the State road from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh; they therefore do not hesitate to say, that to give such a grant to any individual should not receive the sanction of the Legislature of this commonwealth, and submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entitled "An Act to erect an election district in the county of Northampton," which was read the first time, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred, the 25th instant, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, praying permission to hold two fairs annually, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the prayer of the petitioners under consideration, and are of opinion that inasmuch as the right of holding fairs is enjoyed by other corporate towns, they think it just and reasonable that the same privilege ought to be granted to the inhabitants of Sunbury: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, authorising the Burgeses and inhabitants of Sunbury to hold two fairs annually, each to continue two days, the first to commence on the second Tuesday in June, and the second on the third Tuesday in October.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The committee of ways and means made report (in part) which was read, as follows, viz.

That upon a minute examination of the public accounts, a very great want of punctuality in the performance of the duties enjoined upon various revenue officers appears obvious, more especially in such as have been appointed, in the several counties, for the collecting and paying into the State Treasury the various taxes assessed prior to the repeal of the act, commonly called the Funding Act. The committee do not conceive it necessary to point out wherein those deficiencies consist, and in what manner they may be remedied, as there is a bill under the consideration of the House for correcting the abuses, which have been most complained of.

It may not be improper, however, to remark upon the report of the Comptroller-General, that the deduction to be made from the amount of the assessment on the several counties, on account of exonerations, is much larger than any former estimates exhibit. The amount stated by him to be due, including the sums at which he states the amount of the exonerations, is two hundred and six thousand one hundred and sixty-seven pounds five shillings; from which deduct seventy-eight thousand four hundred and seventy pounds seven shillings and nine pence, the amount of the exonerations, according to his statement, leaves one hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-six pounds seventeen shillings and three-pence, equal to three hundred and forty thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents; whereas the amount due, according to former estimates, including exonerations, is five hundred and forty-nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-six cents, from which deduct the sum of one hundred and fifty-five thousand six hundred and three dollars and ninety-eight cents. leaves a balance of three hundred and ninety-four thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents due from the several counties, which the committee conceive may be counted upon as really due to

to the State, as well as the additional sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty-three cents, arrearages of the tax laid upon pleasurable carriages. It is true, that errors may be found in the calculation upon which this latter estimate is founded, but when the enormous sum which has been allowed, even admitting this statement to be correct, is considered, it must be admitted to be the most probable, and, until the accounts of the different officers are finally adjusted, the committee do not think it will be proper to count upon less than is here stated. It is not supposed that any considerable sum will be drawn into the Treasury from this source of revenue during the present year, yet if the bill already referred to passes into a law, *and is well executed*, large sums will in the course of the next year be paid in.

The amount of the arrearages of the purchase money of lands sold prior to the revolution, and balances due for lands sold since that period, is estimated at about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, and for lands held by settlement rights, at three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but neither of those estimates can be considered accurate, as there are no data upon which calculations can with any degree of confidence be made. The bill now before the House, for purchasing the rights of the Pennsylvania Claimants to certain lands in the county of Luzerne, and which pledges this fund for the payment of the amount of the valuation, will no doubt reduce the two first items, although it may secure payment into the Treasury of a much larger sum than would otherwise be counted upon.—No part of the money arising from settlement rights can be expected for several years, as the persons holding those lands are entitled by law to a long credit.

The monies due from the Prothonotaries of the several counties for marriage and tavern licences, granted prior to the late alteration of the laws respecting that subject, are so considerable as to be worthy of attention, but their amount cannot at present be easily ascertained, nor is it probable that they will be recovered until the bill on that subject, which is now before the House, or some other equally efficient, is brought into operation.

By the act of Assembly, entitled “An Act to provide a more effectual method for settling the accounts of the several Brigade-Inspectors within this commonwealth,” passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, it is declared that the Auditors appointed in pursuance thereof shall within four months thereafter settle the accounts of the several Brigade-Inspectors within this commonwealth, and make report of their proceedings to the Court of Common Pleas of their respective counties; and that the Prothonotaries of the several counties shall, after the lapse of sixty days from the making such report, make return thereof to the State Treasurer. Yet it does not appear that any such return has been made, and whether those accounts have been settled or not is to your committee unknown. And as it is believed that considerable sums have been received, and that large balances are due from those officers, it is of importance that they should be brought to an account. But it may be deemed expedient to ascertain whether the Auditors have performed the duties enjoined upon them by the last recited act, before any other measures are adopted to bring this business to an issue, the committee have therefore thought proper to recommend, that provision be made to authorize the Comptroller-General to require the Prothono-

taries and Auditors to make report of their proceedings within a limited time, and that if a final settlement shall not have been made within that time, the powers of the Auditors shall cease, and the Comptroller shall proceed to compel the Auditors to report the business, as far as it has been proceeded in by them, and shall, with the assistance of the Register-General, settle and adjust such of the said accounts, as have not been settled in pursuance of the said last recited act.

The same difficulties as have heretofore existed still continue with respect to the accounts, between this State and the United States, for monies expended in suppressing the western insurrection, and at Le Boeuf.

The Pay-master for the Pennsylvania line states, that until the receipts of all the officers and soldiers who have received any money are exhibited to the Accountant of the War Department of the United States, those accounts cannot pass; that measures have been taken to procure those receipts, but that so many difficulties will arise in this business, that it is uncertain when it will be brought to a close; that some accounts of individuals have not yet been by him discharged; that there is about three thousand dollars now in his hands, which he will shortly pay into the Treasury, leaving all unsettled claims to be provided for by special appropriations to be made by the Legislature. The amount on this account due from the United States is estimated at sixty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-six dollars.

The accounts of the late Comptroller-General, John Nicholson, for continental and new loan certificates received by him, as the property of this State, and not delivered to his successor in office, have been settled, and judgment obtained against him for the balance, amounting to the several sums stated in the annexed schedule marked A. Upon this judgment execution has been issued, and levied upon land in different counties of this State, but by reason of prior liens, and other embarrassing circumstances, it is by no means probable that any part will be brought into the Treasury during the present year, and very uncertain whether the whole will ever be recovered.

His accounts with respect to the depreciation and funded debt certificates issued and received by him have not yet been settled. The difficulties heretofore existing still continue, but are not insurmountable. As soon as the late State Treasurer's accounts are adjusted, these will become a subject of attention.

The accounts of interest paid on new loan certificates by the two late State Treasurers have not yet been liquidated; it is therefore impossible to ascertain, at present, who is responsible for the sum of thirty thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty cents, which has been either overcharged in the Treasurer's accounts of interest paid on those certificates, or actually paid, but neglected to be entered thereon. The committee do not know any measures that can be adopted by the Legislature to facilitate the settlement of these accounts, further than pressing the proper officers to use their utmost attention and vigilance in bringing the business to a conclusion.

By an act of Assembly passed on the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," it is enacted that the Governor shall



shall procure twenty thousand stand of arms, one half by immediate purchase, and the other half to be manufactured within the United States.

By letters received from the Quarter-Master-General of the militia of Pennsylvania and the Secretary of the commonwealth, it appears that contracts have been entered into by the Governor for the manufacture of ten thousand nine hundred stand within the United States, but that he has not procured any by immediate purchase. That a contract for ten thousand stand was made with Thomas and John Ketland, but the said contract has failed. That for those contracted for to be made in the United States he has agreed to give thirteen dollars and one third for each stand, and to advance considerable sums at the time of entering into contract with the manufacturer, for which no interest is to be allowed. By examining this law, it appears obvious to your committee that the Governor was not authorised to contract for the manufacture of more than ten thousand stand within the United States. That as those manufactured here will come at a much higher rate than imported arms, the funds of the State are materially affected by his construction of the act; yet as your committee are unwilling that innocent individuals, who have entered into these contracts, should suffer by his construction, they have thought it prudent to provide a fund for the discharge of the amount of these contracts, so far as may be necessary to meet the demands of the present year. But as the demands upon the Treasury for contracts already entered into, and on other accounts, will be so very great, that without having recourse to a very burthensome mode of borrowing, or some oppressive mode of taxation, sufficient sums cannot be drawn into the Treasury, during the present year, to procure the arms directed by the last recited act to be purchased, the committee are of opinion that this act ought to be repealed.

It will appear by the annexed schedules, that, in order to meet the engagements of the State, the sum of ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and forty cents must be provided for; and it is to be remarked that this estimate is made upon the supposition that no more engagements would be entered into for the purchase of arms. If the act referred to should be carried into effect, a sum of two hundred thousand dollars must be provided. The difficulties of raising this sum would, in the opinion of your committee, more than counterbalance the advantages expected from the purchase of arms, for it is not to be doubted, that as many as may be necessary for the State can and will at any time be furnished by the United States. They therefore offer a resolution for the repeal of that act.

The revenue arising from sales at auction are not taken into the estimates hereunto annexed, as that fund is pledged for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, with interest thereon, which was procured on loan to relieve certain distressed citizens of Philadelphia, during the late prevailing malady that desolated that place, nor is that which may probably be produced from the arrearages of the purchase money of land, as the bill which has just passed the two Houses, for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants for land within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, pledges that fund for discharging the amount of the valuation of those lands.

For the amount of debts due to the commonwealth on various accounts, as well as those which are owing and not yet due, and also for the amount of  
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several descriptions of property of this State, see the annexed schedule, marked A.

The demands upon the commonwealth are particularly designated in the annexed schedule, marked B.

Those which will probably be made during the present year are stated in the annexed schedule, marked C. And

The probable produce of the different sources of revenue for the present year are estimated as *per* annexed schedule, marked D.

By which it will appear that the sum already stated is to be provided for, viz. ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and forty cents. The best means of procuring this sum has been a subject of consideration with the committee, and to them it appears that the loss which would be sustained by selling the public securities of the United States, the property of this State, renders that mode very exceptionable. To raise it immediately by taxes is impossible, and to draw outstanding debts into the Treasury in due time appears to be attended with such difficulties, as not to be within the reach of the Legislature. They are therefore of opinion that recourse must be had to loans, and they are happy in being able to inform the House, that, upon enquiry, they find that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars can be obtained on loan of the Bank of Pennsylvania, on the terms and conditions following, viz.

The whole sum to pass to the credit of the State within one year from the passing of the act, in five equal instalments; but no credit to pass to the State for any such instalments, until thirty days previous notice for that purpose shall have been given by the Governor; nor shall the money be drawn from the Bank when it is passed to the credit of the State, unless the same shall be immediately wanted to discharge the engagements of the commonwealth. That in consideration of the said loan, the State shall pay half yearly an interest, at the rate of six *per cent. per annum*, out of the dividends on the bank stock. The principal to be repaid within two years from the time the respective instalments are advanced, in such sums, and at such times, as may be convenient to the State, provided the same be not in sums of less than twenty thousand dollars each, nor until thirty days previous notice to the Bank shall have been given. A sufficient sum in bank stock to be pledged as a security for the repayment of the principal.

The committee have, in order to make the necessary provisions, as contemplated by this report, thought proper to offer the following resolutions, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, upon the terms and conditions above mentioned.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to provide for the payment of the expences of the Executive Department for the present year; for the payment and discharge of certain certificates issued under the authority of an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the public accounts, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; for the payment of clerk hire in the offices of the Comptroller and Register-Generals, to enable them to compleat the settlement of the accounts of the late Comptroller and State Treasurers; for the payment of certain expences in keeping in repair the State-house and yard, and for fundry small expences incurred by the late House.

### Schedule A.

*Containing an estimate of the debts due and growing due to the commonwealth.*

Amount of the arrearages of the purchase money of land sold prior to and since the revolution, estimated at	Dollrs.	160000	0
Amount due for lands held by settlement, estimated at		350000	0
Amount of the arrearages of the general taxes, exclusive of the carriage tax		394175	0
Amount of the arrearages of the taxes on carriages		34619	0
Ditto arrears of excise, estimated at		300	0
Balance due from the estate of John Chaloner, deceased, exclusive of interest		2769	48
Balance from Loan-office of 1793, about		15000	0
Ditto from Loan-office of £.50000, about		4315	0
Loan to Huntingdon, principal and interest, about		2900	0
Balance due from the United States on account of the western insurrection, estimated at		61326	0
Old debts, uncertain			
Arthur St. Clair, late auctioneer		637	68
Estate of David Kennedy, late Secretary of Land-office		6986	96
William Nichols, late Clerk of the Mayor's Court, balance of tavern licences		5794	74
Balance due from barrack lots, about		800	0
Two thousand five hundred shares in the Bank of Pennsylvania, at 400 dollars		1000000	0
Six per cent stock deposited in the said Bank		83498	56
Stock in the possession of the Comptroller-General for the purpose of exchanging new loans, and which will not produce any revenue to the State,			
Six per cent. stock		2466	33
Deferred ditto		1234	5
Three per cent. ditto		6081	30
Registered debt		3000	0
			12781 68
Balance of continental certificates in the hands of John Nicholson, late Comptroller-General, per account settled, not delivered to his successor in office, equal in six per cent. stock of the United States, bearing a present interest, to		34139	48
And in deferred stock, to		17069	74
Balance of interest produced by the aforesaid continental certificates to the 1st January, 1791, per account settled, which is payable in three per cent. stock of the United States		63729	86
Interest on the six per cent. and three per cent. stock, from 1st January, 1791 to 1st January, 1798		28421	79
Difference between the value of continental certificates corresponding with new loans subscribed by John Nicholson, and the value of the said new loans in specie, per judgment of the Supreme Court, exclusive of interest from the 18th December, 1795		11222	50
Balance of certificates of funded debt certificates, in possession of John Nicholson, late Comptroller, which ought to have been delivered to his successor in office, exclusive of interest thereon from the first of July 1784		9431	36
Balance deficient, either overcharged in the Treasurer's account of interest paid on new certificates, or actually paid, but neglected to be entered on the certificates, which balance and interest thereon must eventually be paid to the commonwealth		30929	30

### Schedule B.

*Estimate of the debts due from the commonwealth.*

The amount due to the United States on a general settlement of accounts between the several States	Dollrs.	76709	0
The amount received from the United States, to pay one quarter's interest on the assumed debt		13982	14
			Balance

Balance of 3 per cent. on deferred purparts,	-	-	-	Dolls.	1976	47
Balance of unfunded debt, principal and interest, about	-	-	-		1600	0
Ditto of bills of credit of 1781	-	-	-		11160	88
Ditto of March 1785	-	-	-		9167	44
Ditto of funded militia and depreciation certificates	-	-	-		48210	15
Ditto of appropriations for arms	-	-	-		214126	91
Ditto of ditto for roads, &c.	-	-	-		34220	22
Ditto of ditto for State-house yard	-	-	-			23
Sundry small appropriations, estimated at	-	-	-		2000	0
Appropriations made during the present session, exclusive of that for the repayment of money borrowed for the support of the poor in the city of Philadelphia, during the late yellow fever, and exclusive of those payable out of the arrearages of taxes due to this State	-	-	-		15000	0

### Schedule C.

*Exhibiting an estimate of the probable demands which may be made upon the Treasury during the present year.*

Expences of government	-	-	-	Dolls.	140000	0
Pensions	-	-	-		5000	0
Militia expences	-	-	-		7000	0
Agents of Information	-	-	-		1300	0
Improvements	-	-	-		8000	0
Funded and depreciation debt	-	-	-		1000	0
Unfunded debt	-	-	-		1600	0
Bills of credit of 1781 and 1785	-	-	-		1200	0
Interest on lost certificates	-	-	-		700	0
Ditto on new loan certificates	-	-	-			
Demands which will probably be made on the Treasury during the present year, on account of contracts already entered into for arms	-	-	-		25	00
Various small appropriations, estimated at	-	-	-		90000	0
Appropriations of the present session, exclusive of those payable out of the arrearages of taxes and the auction duties, estimated at	-	-	-		2000	0
					15000	0
					273050	0

### Schedule D.

*Exhibiting an estimate of the probable produce of the revenues of the State during the present year.*

Balance in the Treasury on the first day of January last	-	-	-	Dolls.	38889	68
Arrearages of taxes	-	-	-		5000	0
Debt due from the estate of John Chaloner	-	-	-		2769	40
Loan-office of 500000 dollars	-	-	-		3000	0
Ditto of £ 50000	-	-	-		1000	0
Fees of Land office and Secretary's fees	-	-	-		9000	0
Interest on Bank shares	-	-	-		80000	0
Ditto on stock of the United States, the property of this State	-	-	-		5008	16
Two per cent. principal on said stock	-	-	-		1669	40
Interest on lost certificates	-	-	-		700	
Ditto on new loan certificates	-	-	-		250	
Debt due from the estate of David Kennedy, late Secretary of the Land-office	-	-	-		4286	96
Debt due from William Nichols, late clerk of the Mayors' Court	-	-	-		5800	
Fees on patents	-	-	-		250	
Marriage and tavern licences	-	-	-		15000	
Tax on writs	-	-	-		500	
Balance to be provided for	-	-	-		99926	40

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the said report be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

The bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The

The bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of George Walton," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania," was read the third time.

On the question,—"*Shall this bill pass?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Preston, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Horne,	Messrs. Strickler,
Brown,	Hartzell,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Hendricks,	Shoemaker,
Barclay,	Harris,	Stewart,
Baird,	Huston,	Snyder,
Blair,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Campbell,	Krause,	Speer,
Cunningham,	Lyle,	Sample,
Ewalt,	Mewhorter,	Turner,
Frailey,	Miller,	Udree,
Follmer,	M'Pherfon,	Wright,
Forster,	M'Dowell,	Wilson,
Gehr,	Rugh,	Williamson,
Hopkins,	Rose,	Weaver. 44.
Hofstetter,	Raum,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Martin,
Bull,	Hemphill,	Preston,
Boileau,	Hannum,	Palmer,
Coolbaugh,	Ingels,	Seckel,
Conrad,	Keppele,	Taylor,
Eyre,	Kennedy,	Van Horne,
Erwin,	Linnard,	Watson,
Fisher,	Logan,	Welles. 24.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act more effectually to prevent and punish " any lawless intrusion and entry into and upon the territory of this com-  
" monwealth," and that it be the order for that day.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of certain revenue officers.

2. An Act for the relief of George Walton.

And that he had returned the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the state of Pennsylvania," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Preston reported the bill, without amendment, and

On motion, and by special order, the said bill was read the second time.

And having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an Extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, SATURDAY, March 30th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do adhere to their amendments on the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," which have been non-concured by the House of Representatives, and request a conference thereon. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Postlethwaite, Mr. Kean and Mr. Kern, be a committee of conference.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. MATLACK, *Clerk of the Senate.*

On motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Linnard,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of the Senate, on the subject of their amendments to the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," which have been non-concured by the House of Representatives. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Stocker, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Ingels and Mr. Linnard, be a committee for that purpose.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State," was read the second time.

On the question — " *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report of the committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for the regulation of apprentices,” viz. “ *that they had negatived the first section thereof,*” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said report?*”

It was determined in the negative.

The first section of the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Linnard,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following as a substitute, viz.

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this act, if any apprentice shall absent himself or herself from the service of his or her master or mistress, before the time of his or her apprenticeship shall be expired, without leave first obtained, every such apprentice, at any time after he or she arrives to the age of twenty-one years, shall be liable to, and the master or mistress, their heirs, executors or administrators, are hereby enabled to sustain all such actions and other remedies against him or her, as if the said apprentice had been of full age at the time of executing his or her indenture of apprenticeship.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the substitute adopted.

The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Welles,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any master or mistress shall remove out of this State before the expiration of the term of apprenticeship of his or her apprentice, in such case the Court of Quarter Sessions in the county where the master or mistress lived is hereby authorised and empowered, on application made to them, to discharge such apprentice from his or her indenture, and the master or mistress shall remain liable to his or her apprentice for all covenants contained in the indenture between the said master or mistress and apprentice.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the substitute adopted.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Turner,

To postpone the further consideration thereof, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any master or mistress shall die before the term of apprenticeship shall be expired, the executors or administrators of such master or mistress (provided the terms of the indenture extended to executors and administrators) shall and may have a right to assign over the remainder of the term of such apprenticeship to such suitable person, of the same trade or calling mentioned in the indenture, as shall be approved of by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county where the master or mistress lived, and the assignee to have the same right to the service of such apprentice as the master or mistress had at the time of his or her death, and also when any master or mistress shall assign over his or her apprentice to any person of the same trade or calling mentioned in the indenture, the said assignment shall be legal, provided the terms of the indenture extended to assigns, and provided the apprentice, or his or her parent or parents, or guardian or guardians, shall give his, her or their consent to such assignment, before some Justice of the Peace of the county where the master or mistress shall live.

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the substitute adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, and seconded by Mr. Campbell, That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall conceal or employ any indented apprentice, servant or negro, on hire or otherwise, without consent from the master or mistress, or without a sufficient certificate from the master, mistress, or owner of such apprentice, servant or negro, that he or she was free, or a certificate from a Justice of the Peace of this State, certified under the seal of the county where such Justice shall reside, every such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the master, mistress or owner, for every day such apprentice, servant or negro, shall be employed or secreted, the sum of sixty-seven cents, to be recovered in a summary way, as debts under twenty pounds are by law directed, if the same shall not exceed twenty pounds, if otherwise to be recovered by action of debt, to be brought at the suit of the party injured, in any Court of Common Pleas in this commonwealth.

Which was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The report on the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Chester, Berks and Montgomery, read the 27th instant, was read the second time, and the resolution adopted.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania."

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And



And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT for the relief of Jesse Rankin.

II. An ACT to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

III. An ACT to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate, held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

IV. An ACT to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for completing a bridge over the Pekiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.

V. An ACT to incorporate the town of West-Chester, in the county of Chester, into a borough.

VI. A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars."

VII. An ACT to indemnify General William Irvine for the loss of Montour's Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

VIII. An ACT for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in the United States of America.

IX. An ACT empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned.

X. An ACT to provide for reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtors' apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever.

XI. An ACT to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.

XII. An ACT to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.

XIII. An

XIII. An ACT to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, March 28th, 1799.*

Mr. Hemphill asked and obtained leave of absence for two days from Monday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania."

Adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y, April 1st, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.

2. An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Logan read in his place a bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the instruction of youth, by establishing schools throughout this commonwealth," and having obtained leave, presented the same to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

Ordered, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State," was read the third time.

Whereupon

Resolved, That the said bill pass.

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The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to vest in the President, Directors and company for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for the regulation of apprentices," was read the third time.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. Hannum, 'To postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And the seventh section recurring,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the negative.

The ninth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To amend the same; by striking out from and after line 7 to the end of the section, in order to introduce the following, viz. "*and the persons appointed by the court to assist each Commissioner to appraise the town and out-lots shall receive                      dollars each per day, which shall be in full for all their services.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Logan, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill, section and amendment, for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Snyder, and read, as follows, viz.

Whereas in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An Act to provide for opening and improving sundry navigable waters and roads within this commonwealth," the Governor, on behalf of this State, on the third day of July, 1792, entered into a contract with Robert Morris and others, being a body corporate, known by the name of the Conewago Canal Company, in and whereby the said company, for the consideration of five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, to them paid by the Governor, did covenant to remove the obstructions to the navigation out of the river Susquehanna, between Wright's ferry and the mouth of Swatara creek inclusive: And whereas it is judged expedient by this House that information be obtained in the premises: Therefore

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire, and report to this House, whether the said company have cleared and rendered compleatly practicable the navigation in the said river, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the contract so entered into by them as aforesaid.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. A. Scott reported the bill, without amendment.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present two bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth;" and "An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," except the amendments on section 1, section 9, and the new section 35, all which the Senate hath concurred, with amendments, to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives, which amendments are as follow, to wit.

On amendment on section 1, strike out the words "*account for*," and, in place thereof, insert "*settle with the Register-General*."

On section 9, strike out the word "*Comptroller*," and in place thereof insert "*Register*."

On new section 35, strike out the word "*Comptroller*," and, in place thereof, insert "*Register*."

And to return the bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate a further sum of money, for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh, which the Senate hath passed.

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

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"The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

On amendment on section 1, strike out the words "*account for,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*settle with the Register-General.*"

On section 9, strike out the word "*Comptroller,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*Register.*"

On new section 35, strike out the word "*Comptroller,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*Register.*" And

On motion, and by special order, the said amendments were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the same.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greenesburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred ninety-four," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth," was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled "An Act to declare Fishing creek, in the county of Northumberland, a public highway," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Krause,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 8 the word "*Greene,*" and inserting the words "*Little Fishing*" in place thereof.

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

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The second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend the same, by striking out of line 10 the word "*or*," and inserting, in place thereof, the word, "*and*."

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to declare Fishing creek " and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to prevent the erection of " fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the " branches thereof," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to prevent the erection of " fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, " and the branches thereof," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the bill, entitled " An Act to repeal the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, " and to encourage the raising swine," and that it be the order for that day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled " An Act for the relief of Doctor John Morris."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Forster reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act " more effectually to prevent and punish any lawless intrusion and entry into " and upon the territory of this commonwealth."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the first section of the bill.

And on motion, and by special order, the said report was read the second time, and adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had returned to the Senate two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

2. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

And informed the Senate that this House had passed the same.

That he had presented an Extract from the Journal of this House, relative to the appointment of a committee of conference on the subject of the amendments on the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases;" and informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate to the amendments by this House on the bill, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, April 2d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to appropriate a further sum of money for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

2. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

3. An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The committee to whom was referred, the 13th instant, the memorial of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into their serious consideration, and find that by an act of Assembly, passed the 11th day of April, 1793, the sum of twenty-six thousand six-hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents was granted to the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, for the uses in the said act mentioned, out of the principal and interest due to the commonwealth in pursuance of an act, passed the 26th day of February, 1773, entitled "An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and fifty thou-



“and pounds in bills of credit, on loan, and providing a fund for the payment of public debts.”

That under and by virtue of the said act the State Treasurer, at the request of the Treasurer of the said contributors, did assign and set over to the Managers of the said Hospital the said amount, and more in mortgages for money loaned under the said act of 1773.

That by the said act of the 26th of February, 1773, it was provided, that if it should appear on the settlement of the accounts of the trustees of the said Loan-office, that any deficiency had happened by any borrower or mortgager not having right to the lands mortgaged, or in the value thereof, or by any other way or means whatsoever, to pay the monies and the interest accrued thereon, with the costs of the suits which should be prosecuted for the same, that in every such case the trustees of the said Loan-office, having an order from the Assembly for the purpose, should draw an order on the Treasurer of the respective county, in which such deficiencies should happen, for the payment of the same, if so much money should then be in the Treasury, and if not, that the said trustees should issue their precepts to the Commissioners and Assessors of the said county, enjoining them to cause the said deficiency so happening, with such costs and charges as should accrue and be paid by the said trustees in endeavouring to recover the same, forthwith to be assessed, raised and levied of and upon the county, in the same manner, by the same persons, and under the same penalties and forfeitures, as other county rates are by law directed to be assessed, raised and levied, which the said Commissioners and Assessors were thereby enjoined and required to do.

That on the transfer of the said mortgages, the said Managers caused precepts to be issued to sell the mortgaged premises, as soon as the same could be done with propriety, after default made in paying the installments of the same, and in many instances the mortgaged premises have been sold according to due course of law, and the nett proceeds of such sales have fallen short of the money loaned, together with the interest, by the sum of four thousand five hundred and eight pounds three shillings and eight pence, and that this deficiency has occasioned a loss to the trustees of the Loan-office and to the Managers of the said Hospital.

That several estates which were mortgaged to the said Loan-office have been forfeited to the commonwealth by the laws of attainder, and sold without regard to the debt due thereupon to the said Loan-office, and the proceeds of the estates have been recovered by the agents of the commonwealth, and appropriated to the use thereof, by which also there is a deficiency of the funds of the said Loan-office, set over for the use of the said Hospital, to the amount of two thousand one hundred and eleven pounds seven shillings and ten pence.

That by an act passed on the 23d day of July, 1774, the commonwealth loaned to the county of Northumberland a sum of money, which, with the interest to the first day of the present year, amounted to one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, which debt was assigned to the said contributors, and is yet unpaid, and no means are  
provided



provided by any existing law to compel the payment of the said debt due from the county of Northumberland.

The Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, relying, as the committee believe, upon the funds thus assigned to them by the bounty of the Legislature, have contracted debts, which the means put into their hands are insufficient to discharge, and in order to enable them to recover monies justly due, the committee submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to authorise the said Managers, Trustees of the said Loan-office, to draw an order on the Treasury of the several counties, in which the deficiencies above stated have happened, for the payment of such deficiencies, if so much should then be in the respective Treasuries, and if not, to authorise the said Managers, Trustees as aforesaid, to issue their precepts to the Commissioners and Assessors of the said respective counties, enjoining them to cause the said deficiencies, with such costs and charges as should be paid by the said Trustees in endeavouring to recover the same, forthwith to be assessed, raised and levied of and upon the counties, in the same manner; and by the same persons, and under the same pains, penalties and forfeitures, as other county rates are by law directed to be assessed, raised and levied; and also to authorise the Governor to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of this commonwealth, in favour of the said Managers, for the sum of two thousand one hundred and eleven pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence, being the amount of deficiencies of the monies assigned by the commonwealth to the said Managers, as due to the said Loan-office to the first of January, 1799, on estates which have been forfeited to the State by attainder, and sold by the agents of confiscated estates, and the proceeds thereof paid into the State Treasury.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report (in part) of the committee on ways and means, read March 30th last, was read the second time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. II. line 9, insert, between the words " rivers" and " Susquehanna," the word " Schuylkill."

Preamble

Preamble—make the same amendment in line 5.

Title of the bill—make the same amendment.

The bill, entitled “An Act to declare Fishing creek, and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “An Act for the relief of Doctor John Morris,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

The amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill from the Senate, entitled “An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth,” (non-concured by the Senate) read March 29th last, were severally read the second time, as follow, viz.

SECT. IX. strike out next after the word “*district*,” in line 8, the remainder of the section, and insert the following, in place thereof, “*shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the House now occupied by George Baskins, within said district, any thing in any former law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*”

On the question,—“*Will the House recede from the said amendment?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this act, so much of the county of Washington as is included within the following lines shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the road from Washington to Whelen crosses the State line; thence along the said road to the fork of that and the Ten Mile road, near Waller’s old fort; thence along the said Ten Mile road to Hugh Jackson’s run; thence up the same to the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffaloe and Ten Mile creeks; thence by said ridge to the dividing ridge between the waters of Ten Mile and Whelen creeks; thence by said ridge to the line between Greene and Washington counties; thence by the same to the State line; thence by the same to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the House now occupied by William M’Koy, within said district.

On the question,—“*Will the House recede from the said amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Lyle and Mr. Baird, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*. Messrs. Bull,  
Albright,

Y E A S.

Brown,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Buckley,  
Barclay,

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Keys,  
Kelly,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
McPherfon,  
Power,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 37.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hofstetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
McDowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Sample,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. XXII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the county of Washington, as is herein after described, shall be a separate election district, viz. beginning where the State line crosses Buffalo creek; thence up the same to Brush run; thence up the same to Thomas Henderson's mill; thence by the road from the said mill to the Seceders meeting-house, on Buffalo; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Chartier's creeks to and including Jacob Sailor's; thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Ten Mile creeks to the head of Hugh Jackson's run; thence down said run to the Ten Mile road; thence along the same to the Whelen road; thence along the same to the State line; thence by said line to the place of beginning; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the House now occupied by Robert Taylor, in the town of Brunswick, within said district.

On the question,—“ *Will the House recede from the said amendment?* ”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Lyle and Mr. Baird, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Bull,  
Brown,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Buckley,  
Barclay,

Y E A S.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Hostetter,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Keys,  
Kelly,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Power,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Kennedy,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 37.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Sample,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to provide for repairing  
" the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the  
" several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia," was read, as  
reported by the committee of the whole House.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

The bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for  
" applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating  
" claims thereto," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for regulating the fees in the  
" office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Kirk,

To

To amend the same, by striking out of lines 20 and 21 the words, "*two dollars and fifty cents,*" and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*three dollars.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend, by striking out of line 40 the words, "*if found;*" and out of lines 40 and 41 the words, "*if not found twelve and an half cents.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor, which was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes," and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which it originated.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, April 1st, 1799.*

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an act, entitled An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported further progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On the question,—"*Shall the committee have leave to sit again?*"

It was determined in the negative.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

E O D E M D I E. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from John Huff, praying permission to erect a bridge over Derby creek, in such manner as not to obstruct the navigation of the said creek, which was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That it be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Bull, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Kirk, to report thereon.

Mr. Penrose presented a memorial from Edward Pole, remonstrating against the bill now pending for authorising the Governor to appoint an Auctioneer, for the purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for opening, and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Weaver reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to repeal the act, entitled "An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. McDowell,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 5, next after the word "*next*," the words "*so much of*," and in line 11, next after the word "*four*," the words, "*so far as the same affects the county of Northumberland*."

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, "An Act to repeal so much of the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine, as relates to the county of Northumberland," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act declaring the rivers Codorus and Conewago, in the county of York, public highways, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An Act to erect an election district in the county of Northampton," was read the second time.

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On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the section of the said bill having been agreed to,

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the territory in the county of Luzerne, within the following boundaries, viz. by a line due east and west, drawn from one side line to the other of said county, intersecting the river Susquehanna at the mountain commonly called Break-neck; thence down said river to a creek, called Rummerfield's creek; thence a line drawn as aforesaid, east and west, from one side line to the other of the said county, shall be, and is hereby, erected into a separate election district; and the free electors thereof shall hold their annual elections at the House of William Meenes, in the township of Wysocks, any law in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the section of the said bill being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Logan, and seconded by Mr. Ingels,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 9, next after the word “ *shall*,” the words, “ *keep a book, and register in the same the names of the sellers and purchasers of all horses and cattle sold by him, together with the colour, age and marks of such horses and cattle, and shall.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

That the following be an additional section, viz.



SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any former act or acts as is inconsistent with this act be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Which was agreed to.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise James C. M'Grew, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across the Youghiogeni river, in the county of Westmoreland, was read the second time.

On the question,—*" Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the section of the said bill was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Welles, and seconded by Mr. Hendricks,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for George Welles, his heirs and assigns, to erect and for ever maintain a dam across that part of the river Susquehanna, in the county of Luzerne, running on the west side of the island opposite Tioga point, three feet in height, for the purpose of supplying a grist-mill and other water-works: *Provided always nevertheless*, That such dam be so constructed, with such proper slope or slopes, lock or locks, as not in the least to impede the navigation of the said part of the river: *And provided also*, That the rights of individuals shall not be injured.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, " An Act to authorise James C. M'Grew, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across the Youghiogeni river, in the county of Westmoreland; as also George Welles, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across a part of the river Susquehanna, in the county of Luzerne," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect and maintain a dam or dams in the river Delaware," was read a second time.

On the question,—*" Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

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The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, five bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.

2. An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

3. An Act to appropriate a further sum of money, for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

4. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

5. An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

And that he had informed the Senate that this House had receded from their amendments on the bill, entitled "An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth," non-concured by the Senate.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 3d, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.

3. An Act to appropriate a further sum of money, for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

4. An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

5. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

The

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to repeal the act, entitled " An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. I. line 5, next after the word "*next*," insert "*so much of* ; line 11, next after the word "*four*," insert "*so far as the same affects the county of Northumberland*."

Title. Between the words "*repeal*" and "*the*," insert "*so much of*;" and at the end of the title add, "*as relates to the county of Northumberland*."

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for regulating the fees in " the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. I. lines 20 and 21, strike out the words, "*two dollars and fifty cents*," and in place thereof insert the words, "*three dollars* ; line 40, strike out the words, "*if found*;" lines 40 and 41, strike out the words; "*if not found twelve and an half cents*."

The bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for " applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating " claims thereto," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and " commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, " cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect " and maintain a wing-dam or dams in the river Delaware," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled " An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The

The bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise James C. M'Crew, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across the Youghiogeni river, in the county of Westmoreland, as also George Welles, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across a part of the river Susquehanna, in the county of Luzerne,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act declaring the rivers Codorus and Conewago, in the county of York, public highways, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the second section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend the same, by striking out from and after the word “ *that*,” in line 2, to the word “ *provided*,” in line 10, inclusive, and to insert in place thereof the following, viz. “ *it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants, desirous of using the navigation of said rivers, to remove all natural and artificial obstructions therein, that is to say, in Codorus, below the forks thereof, and in Conewago, below the mouth of Bermudian creek, and to erect such slopes or locks at the mill-dams now built, as may be necessary for the passage of boats and rafts, and to facilitate the passage of fish up the said streams; provided such slopes or locks shall be so constructed as not to injure the works of said dams; and provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken or understood, to prevent any person or persons possessing lands on the said rivers, or either of them, who, before the passing of this act, had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam or dams, from erecting such dam or dams, and that.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kelly and Mr. M'Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Raum,
Albright,	Horne,	Seckel,
Bull,	Hartzell,	Stover,
Brown,	Hendricks,	Shoemaker,
Buckley,	Harris,	Stewart,
Barclay,	Kirk,	Snyder,
Baird,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Speer,
Blair,	Krause,	Sample,
Coolbaugh,	Lyle,	Taylor,
Cunningham,	Logan,	Udree,
Conrad,	Mewhorter,	Van Horne,
Eyre,	Miller,	Wright,
Ewalt,	Martin,	Wilson,
Frailey,	M'Dowell,	Williamson,
Follmer,	Palmer,	Weaver. 52.
Gehr,	Rugh,	
Hannum,	Rose,	
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N A Y S.

Messrs. Campbell,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hostetter,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Keppele,  
Kelly,  
M'Pherfon,  
Power,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Preston,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
Turner.

12.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. M'Pherfon,  
To postpone the further consideration of the said section and bill for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to alter the fifth election district in the county of Somerset, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The third section, and amendment thereto, recuring,

On the question,—*"Will the House agree to the amendment?"*

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,—*"Will the House agree to the section?"*

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. M'Dowell, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Campbell,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
M'Pherfon,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson.

35.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Rose,  
Raum,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver.

33.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And

And the said bill having been fully considered,  
*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee of ways and means, postponed yesterday.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kelly reported the same, with an amendment.

On motion, and by special order, the report of the committee of ways and means was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House, and the resolutions therein contained were adopted, as follow, viz.

1st. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, upon the terms and conditions in the above report mentioned.

2d. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use “ of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

3d. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade Inspectors.

4th. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to provide for the payment of the expences of the Executive Department for the present year; for the payment and discharge of certain certificates issued under the authority of an act, entitled “ An Act to provide for the settlement of the public accounts, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; for the payment of clerk hire in the offices of the Comptroller and Register-Generals, to enable them to compleat the settlement of the accounts of the late Comptroller and State Treasurers; for the payment of certain expences in keeping in repair the State-house and yard; and for sundry small expences incurred by the late House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey be a committee, for the purposes expressed in the said resolutions.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return five bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act for the relief of the Chamberburgh academy;” “ An Act for incorporating the congregation of the “ Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of “ Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned;” An Act to repeal “ part of an act, entitled An Act for regulating pitching, paving and “ cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, “ making and amending the water courses and common sewers, within the “ inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money “ to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned;”

“ An

“ An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased ;” and “ An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway,” which the Senate hath passed; also two bills, entituled, respectively, “ An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohockink creek ;” and “ An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone, on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to join a committee of the Senate, for the purpose of arranging and reporting the business first to be acted upon, and the time when to adjourn, postponed March 28th last, and resolution therein contained was adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Legislature adjourn, *sine die*, on Thursday, the eleventh day of April instant.

The bill, entituled “ A Supplement to the act, entituled An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Franks-town branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the first section of the said bill being under consideration,

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Brown and Mr. M’Pherson, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Seckel,
Albright,	Hartzell,	Strickler,
Bull,	Hendricks,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Harris,	Stewart,
Baird,	Huston,	Snyder,
Blair,	Keppele,	J. Scott,
Cunningham,	Linnard,	Speer,
Erwin,	Lyle,	Sample,
Ewalt,	Mewhorter,	Taylor,
Fisher,	M’Dowell,	Udree,
Frailey,	Penrose,	Van Horne,
Follmer,	Power,	Wharton,
Forster,	Preston,	Watson,
Gehr,	Palmer,	Wright,
Hall,	Rugh,	Welles,
Hemphill,	Rose,	Williamson. 48.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

N A Y S.

Messrs. Brown,  
Boileau,  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Hannum,  
Hoftetter,

Messrs. Horne,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Logan,  
Miller,  
M'Pherfon,

Messrs. Raum,  
Stover,  
Shoemaker,  
Wilfon,  
Weaver. 19.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek."

SECT. I. line 6, strike out "*Vine-street*," and, in place thereof, insert "*Pegs-run*;" lines 11 and 12, strike out "*Vine-street*," and, in place thereof, insert "*Pegs-run*."

SECT. III. line 15, strike out "*fifteen*," and, in place thereof, insert "*nine*;" line 19, strike out "*fifteen*," and insert "*nine*."

SECT. VII. line 2, strike out "*fifteen*," and insert "*nine*."

SECT. VIII. line 5, strike out "*a solemn*," and insert "*an*."

SECT. IX. line 5, strike out "*ten*," and insert "*six*."

SECT. XI. line 6, strike out "*ten*," and insert "*six*."

SECT. XV. line 5, strike out "*solemn*."

SECT. XXV. lines 11 and 12, strike out "*agreeably to the county rates and levies*;" line 16, strike out "*as aforesaid*," and, in place thereof, insert the words, "*agreeably to the county rates and levies*."

SECT. XXVI line 7, strike out "*a solemn*," and, in place thereof, insert "*an*."

SECT. XXVII. line 5, next after "*highways*," insert "*within the said incorporated district*."

SECT. XXIX. line 12, strike out "*ten*," and insert "*six*."

Strike out section XXXIII.

Preamble, line 4, strike out "*Vine-street*," and, in place thereof, insert "*Pegs-run*."

Title. Strike out "*Vine-street*," and insert "*Pegs-run*."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county

“ county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line  
 “ dividing this State from the State of New-York,” were read the first time,  
 as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entituled “ An Act to authorise  
 “ the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the  
 “ county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line  
 “ dividing this State from the State of New-York,” to wit.

SECT. I. strike out from the word “ *that,*” in line 4, to the word “ *a,*”  
 in line 6, and, in place thereof, insert the words, “ *the Governor be, and he is*  
 “ *hercby, authorised to receive proposals for laying out and opening.*”

SECT. III. strike out from the word “ *that,*” in line 2, to the end of the  
 section, and insert the words, “ *after the said road shall have been laid out*  
 “ *and opened as herein before mentioned, the Governor shall appoint a suitable*  
 “ *person to view the said road, and make report to him ; and if it shall ap-*  
 “ *pear by said report that a road or cart-way is actually laid out and opened,*  
 “ *between the town of Newbury and the one hundred and nine mile stone in*  
 “ *the State line, by the route herein before mentioned, then, and in that case,*  
 “ *the Governor is hereby authorised to draw his warrant on the State-Trea-*  
 “ *surer for the sum of three thousand dollars, to reimburse the person or persons*  
 “ *who were the subscribers for opening and laying out the said road.*”

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the bill  
 from the Senate, entituled “ An Act to provide for the payment of a small  
 “ corps of militia, stationed at Greencsburgh in the year one thousand se-  
 “ ven hundred and ninety-four,” and that it be the order for that day.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence,  
 seven bills, entituled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of the money due to  
 this commonwealth upon unpatented lands, and for other purposes.

2. An Act to declare Fishing-creek and one of its branches, in the coun-  
 ty of Northumberland, public highways.

3. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for dona-  
 tion lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

4. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an  
 Auctioneer, for the exprefs and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and car-  
 riages, within the city of Philadelphia.

5. An Act to authorise Robert Smith and others to erect and maintain a  
 wing-dam or dams in the river Delaware.

6. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northamp-  
 ton and Luzerne.

7. An Act to authorise James C. M'Grew, his heirs and assigns, to erect  
 and maintain a dam across the Youghiogeni river, in the county of West-  
 moreland ; as also George Welles, his heirs and assigns, to erect and main-  
 tain a dam across a part of the river Susquehanna, in the county of Luzerne.

That



That he had returned three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

2. An Act to repeal so much of the act, entitled “ An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine, as relates to the county of Northumberland.”

3. An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

And that he had informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and also presented an Extract from the Journal, relative to the adjournment of the Legislature.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, April 4th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Penrose presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of that part of the Northern-Liberties, lying between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek, remonstrating against the amendments by the Senate on the bill for incorporating part of the said Northern-Liberties, and praying that they be non-concured, or the bill postponed, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to alter the fifth election district in the county of Somerset, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Ewalt, To postpone the further consideration thereof.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to postpone?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Ewalt, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,

Y E A S.

Messrs. Conrad,  
Eyre,

Y E A S.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Ewalt, Frailey, Follmer, Gehr, Hofstetter, Horne, Hartzell, Hendricks, Harris, Huston,	Messrs. Ingels, Kennedy, Krause, Linnard, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Martin, M'Dowell, Penrose,	Messrs. Rugh, Role, Shoemaker, Snyder, Sample, Van Horne, Wright, Wilson, Weaver. 35.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Barclay, Brooke, Blair, Campbell, Erwin, Fisher, Forster, Hall,	Messrs. Hemphill, Hannum, Keppele, Kirk, Kelly, Miller, M'Pherson, Power, Preston, Raum, Seckel, Stocker,	Messrs. Stover, A. Scott, J. Scott, Speer, Taylor, Turner, Wharton, Watson, Welles, Williamson. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for the regulation of apprentices," postponed the first instant.

On the question,—*" Shall this bill pass?"*

It was determined in the affirmative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia," postponed the 2d instant.

And the said bill having been fully considered, and amended,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Extract from the Journal of the Senate, read the 21st of March last, was read the second time.

And the resolution therein contained being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the same, by striking out from and after the word "*officers*," in line 3, to the word "*papers*," in line 7, inclusive, and to insert, in place thereof, the following, viz. "*to make out and deliver, at the proper costs and charges of the said John Penn and Richard Penn, or their representatives, copies or exemplifications of such rent rolls, counter-parts of deeds reserving yearly ground-rents, and books, as relate to their private estates, and of any other papers.*"

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott, To postpone the further consideration of the said resolution and amendment for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of the government of the State of Pennsylvania," and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the Senate, in which it originated.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

*Philadelphia, April 3d, 1799.*

A letter addressed to the Speaker, signed Edward Fox, Treasurer of the University of Pennsylvania, inclosing a statement of the funds of that institution, was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

II. An ACT for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

III. An ACT for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. An ACT to appropriate a further sum of money for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

V. An ACT for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 4th, 1799.*

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York," read yesterday, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled "An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Welles reported the bill, without amendment.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The ninth section and amendment thereto recurring.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Keys,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all expences incurred by this act in making plans, drafts, surveys, and the accounts of all disbursements, services and expences, shall be exhibited and settled agreeably to the laws for settling other public accounts, and shall be paid out of the money arising from the aforesaid sales, on warrants drawn by the Governor; and the said Commissioners shall transmit all monies by them received to the Receiver-General of the Land-office every six months.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said section?*"

It was determined in the negative.

The third section recurring,

A motion was made by Mr. A. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Keys;

To amend the same, by striking out of line 9 the words, "*three months*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*six weeks*."

Which was agreed to.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. A. Scott,

To re-consider the following amendment, viz. "*and the Governor is hereby authorized to grant patents to the purchaser or purchasers of any tract or tracts, on the payment of the second instalment, provided such purchaser or purchasers mortgage such tract or tracts for the remaining instalments to become due to the commonwealth.*"

Which was agreed to.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To re-consider the fourth section.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to re-consider?*"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the same, by subjoining the following, viz.

*Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to vest any right or title, in law or equity, in any person or persons purchasing as aforesaid, unless he, she or they shall, within three years after the date of their respective purchases, make an actual settlement thereon, by clearing, fencing and cultivating at least two acres for every fifty acres contained in one survey, and erect on each lot or tract a messuage for the habitation of man, and reside thereon for the space of five years following their first settlement of the same; and in default of such actual settlement, residence and improvement, the purchaser or purchasers shall forfeit all payments made to the commonwealth, and the Governor is hereby authorized to direct that such forfeited lot or tract be sold at public sale, in the town near where such forfeited lot or tract may lie, and no patents shall issue for any lot or tract sold by virtue of this act, until satisfactory proof be made to the Governor of this commonwealth of such actual settlement, residence and improvement, having been made as aforesaid.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present two bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes;" and "An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia," to which

which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives ; and to return the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect and alter certain election “ districts within this commonwealth,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to provide for opening a road from the Bald Eagle’s Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Bœuf, in the county of Allegheny,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the “ whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Hemphill, and seconded by Mr. Preston, To fill the blank with the words “ *eight thousand.*”

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Buckley,	Messrs. Hendricks,	Messrs. Raum,
Blair,	Harris,	Seckel,
Coolbaugh,	Keppele,	Strickler,
Erwin,	Keys,	A. Scott,
Fisher,	Kelly,	Snyder,
Follmer,	Krause,	Sample,
Forster,	Logan,	Turner,
Hall,	Martin,	Van Horne,
Hemphill,	Power,	Wilson,
Hannum,	Preston,	Welles,
Hartzell,	Rugh,	Williamson. 33.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Frailey,	Messrs. Penrose,
Albright,	Gehr,	Rose,
Bull,	Hopkins,	Stover,
Brown,	Hofstetter,	Shoemaker,
Barclay,	Huston,	Stewart,
Baird,	Kirk,	J. Scott,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Speer,
Boileau,	Linnard,	Taylor,
Cunningham,	Lyle,	Udree,
Conrad,	Miller,	Wright,
Eyre,	M’Pherson,	Weaver. 35.
Ewalt,	M’Dowell,	

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Forster,

To fill the blank with "*five thousand.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

It was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, "An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheney."

On the question,—"*Shall this bill be transcribed for a third reading?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Boileau and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hostetter,	Messrs. Raum,
Albright,	Hartzell,	Seckel,
Bull,	Hendricks,	Stover,
Brown,	Harris,	Strickler,
Buckley,	Huston,	A. Scott,
Barclay,	Keppele,	Stewart,
Brooke,	Kirk,	Snyder,
Blair,	Keys,	J. Scott,
Coolbaugh,	Kelly,	Speer,
Cunningham,	Kennedy,	Sample,
Erwin,	Krause,	Taylor,
Ewalt,	Lyle,	Turner,
Fisher,	Logan,	Udree,
Frailey,	Martin,	Van Horne,
Follmer,	M'Pherson,	Watson,
Forster,	M'Dowell,	Wright,
Gehr,	Penrose,	Wilson,
Hall,	Power,	Welles,
Hemphill,	Preston,	Williamson. 61.
Hannum,	Rugh,	
Hopkins,	Rose,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Eyre,	Messrs. Shoemaker,
Boileau,	Linnard,	Weaver. 8.
Conrad,	Miller,	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Saturday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Strike out section 1.

Strike out section 4, and number the remaining sections accordingly.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York."

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

F R I D A Y, April 5th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared five bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled " An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses and common sewers, within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

3. An Act for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy.

4. An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.

5. An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Ingels presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the Northern-Liberties, remonstrating against the amendments by the Senate on the



the bill for incorporating part of the said Northern-Liberties, and praying that they be non-concured, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was refered, the 2d instant, the petition of John Hooff, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entituled "An Act to authorise John Hooff to erect a toll bridge over Derby creek," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a bill, entituled "An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entituled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee, to whom was refered the report of a committee of the last Legislature, respecting the new buildings at the Pennsylvania Hospital, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have had the subject of the said report under their consideration, and find that the new buildings continue nearly in the same unfinished state that they were in last year, excepting that the roof is shingled in of the centre house, the front doors of which are put up, and part of the flooring is laid.

In performing this work, the Managers have been obliged to borrow and expend a considerable sum of money, beyond the sums which have been granted by the Legislature for carrying on this useful and benevolent undertaking; but that care, in the opinion of the committee, was indispensably necessary, to prevent injury, if not ruin, to the work which has been already done.

In respect to finishing and furnishing the interior parts of the buildings, the wall of the area, &c. the propriety of doing it, for the accommodation of the family, and the proper administration of the various services to be performed in the house, appears to the committee very evident.

In order therefore that the further consideration of this report may be taken up as soon as circumstances will admit, they offer the follow resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the memorial of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, praying for a grant of six thousand and seventy-eight pounds five shillings

lings and five pence, together with the committee's report of the last and present year, be referred to the next succeeding Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate, on the subject of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," which have been non-concured by the House of Representatives, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the committees of conference have agreed to recommend to their respective Houses the following, to wit.

SECT. III. lines 3 and 4, strike out the words, "*last day of March and the last day of November,*" and in place thereof insert, "*first day of April and the first day of October.*"

SECT. V. line 9, strike out "*first day of June to the tenth,*" and insert "*fifteenth day of May to the first;*" line 24, the following amendment to be agreed to, "*unless she shall be furnished with one or more ventilators, in such form as the Board of Health shall approve, whereof public notice shall be given in at least two of the newspapers printed in this city, within two weeks after the passing of this act, in which case the cargo of the said vessel shall be re-delivered, and shall be discharged as aforesaid, provided she has been at least ten days under quarantine;*" strike out of proviso in section 5, the following, viz. "*until the accommodations necessary for landing and receiving the goods, wares and merchandize, to be landed as aforesaid, shall be erected, or provided such goods, wares and merchandize,*" and in place thereof insert the following, viz. "*wine, rum, salt, spirits, molasses, sugar, mahogany, manufactured tobacco, dye wood, preserved fruits, and such other articles as the Board of Health shall by their general regulations specify and permit, hides, coffee;*" after the word "*cloathing,*" in line 43, insert "*and putrifying substances;*" line 45, strike out "*not being less than twenty-four hours;*" lines 49 and 50, strike out "*to prevent the transportation to Philadelphia of any putrifying substance, and also;*" line 53, after the word "*aforesaid,*" strike out to the word "*and,*" next after the word "*city,*" in the 71st line.

SECT. VI. lines 4 and 5, strike out "*first day of June to the tenth,*" and insert "*fifteenth day of May to the first.*"

SECT. VII. lines 6 and 7, strike out "*first day of June to the tenth,*" and insert "*fifteenth day of May to the first.*"

SECT. VIII. lines 4 and 5, strike out the words introduced by the Senate, viz. "*between the last day of April and the last day of,*" and insert "*between the first day of April and the first day of.*"

SECT. XI. line 18, strike out "*last,*" and insert "*first;*" line 19, strike out the words, "*last day of March,*" and insert "*first day of April.*"

SECT. XIV. line 48, strike out "*last day of April to the last day of,*" and insert "*first day of April to the first day of.*"

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and adopted.

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The committee appointed March 9th last, to confer with the committee of the Senate on the amendment made, and adhered to by the Senate, on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens in certain cases to purchase and hold " real estates within this commonwealth," made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That the committee have conferred with the committee of the Senate on the subject of the amendment by the Senate on the said bill, and have agreed to recommend that the House of Representatives recede from their resolution on the said amendment : They therefore submit the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That this House recede from their resolution on the amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens in certain cases " to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," and that they concur the said amendment by the Senate. And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

The resolution therein contained being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Forster,	Messrs. Seckel,
Albright,	Hannum,	Stover,
Bull,	Hartzell,	A. Scott,
Brown,	Keppele,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Kirk,	Snyder,
Barclay,	Keys,	Sample,
Brooke,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Campbell,	Martin,	Turner,
Erwin,	M'Pherson,	Wharton,
Fisher,	Power,	Watson,
Follmer,	Preston,	Welles.
		33.
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Kelly,	Messrs. Strickler,
Coolbaugh,	Krause,	Shoemaker,
Cunningham,	Linnard,	J. Scott,
Conrad,	Lyle,	Speer,
Eyre,	Logan,	Udree,
Frailey,	Mewhorter,	Van Horne,
Gehr,	Miller,	Wright,
Hopkins,	M'Dowell,	Wilson,
Hofstetter,	Penrose,	Williamson,
Horne,	Rugh,	Weaver.
Hendricks,	Rose,	34.
Ingels,	Raum,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled "An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheny," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. I. line 8, strike out "*any*," and insert, in place thereof, "*such*;" add the following to the section, viz. "*as may be necessary, and the Board of Inspectors shall settle their accounts with the Register and Comptroller-General, as soon as the repairs of said buildings are completed.*"

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth," were severally read the second time.

The first amendment being under consideration, viz. "*strike out section 1.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Mewhorter, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hannum,	Messrs. Stover,
Albright,	Hopkins,	Strickler,
Bull,	Hofstetter,	A. Scott,
Brown,	Harris,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Keppele,	J. Scott,
Barclay,	Kirk,	Speer,
Brooke,	Keys,	Sample,
Blair,	Kelly,	Taylor,
Coolbaugh,	Kennedy,	Turner,
Erwin,	Miller,	Wharton,
Fisher,	M'Pherson,	Watson,
Forster,	Preston,	Welles,
Hall,	Raum,	Williamson. 41.
Hemphill,	Stocker,	

N A Y S.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rugh,  
Shoemaker,  
Snyder,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Willson,  
Weaver. 28.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The second amendment being under consideration, viz. "*strike out section 4, and number the remaining sections accordingly.*"

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the said amendment?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Conrad, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Brooke,  
Blair,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Forster,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hostetter,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,  
Miller,  
M'Pherson,  
Preston,  
Raum,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Watson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 36.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Albright,  
Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Horne,  
Hartzell,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Ingels,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,  
Rugh,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Sample,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Weaver. 34.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna, down to the Maryland line,” to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth,” and also the amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act to prevent the erection of Fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof,” and hath non-concurred the amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act to repeal the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine.”

And having presented the said bill to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act to repeal the act, entitled An Act to regulate fences, and to encourage the raising swine,” were read.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House adhere to the said amendments.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna, down to the Maryland line,” was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Monday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The bill, entitled “ An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled “ An Act to continue, for an additional period, An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The

The bill, entituled "An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate in the township of Lower Mount Bethel, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, "An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned," and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I have the honour to inform that the Senate hath concurred the resolution of the House of Representatives, respecting the time at which the Legislature will adjourn.

The bill from the Senate, entituled "An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The fourth section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, and seconded by Mr. Keppele,

To amend the same, by striking out the words, "*one dollar*," and inserting, in place thereof, the words, "*fifty cents*."

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entituled "An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hemphill reported the bill, without amendment.

Mr. Power asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, from Monday next.

Mr. Hoffetter asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, from Monday next.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for the regulation of apprentices."
2. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

And to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, five bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled " An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses and common sewers, within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

3. An Act for the relief of the Chamberburgh academy.

4. An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.

5. An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

*E O D E M D I E. P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth.

2. An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York.

The



The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes.

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hall reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled “ An Act to appropriate money to open and improve a new road over the Broad Mountain.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, with amendments, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled “ An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water-courses and common sewers, within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”
2. An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
3. An Act for the relief of the Chamberburgh academy.
4. An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.
5. An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.

Mr.

Mr. Blair asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheny.

That he had returned the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and also informed that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth."

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, April 6th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.

2. An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia.

3. An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

4. An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Keppele presented a petition from John Ewing, praying permission to bring a suit against this commonwealth, for damages which he hath sustained, by not being put in possession of certain lands he claims in the county of Luzerne, and which are now in the possession of Connecticut Claimants, which was read.

Whereupon

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Mewhorter, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

On

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said resolution?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Mewhorter, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. Rugh,
Albright,	Hofstetter,	Raum,
Brown,	Horne,	Stover,
Buckley,	Hartzell,	Strickler,
Barclay,	Hendricks,	A. Scott,
Baird,	Harris,	Shoemaker,
Brooke,	Huston,	Stewart,
Boileau,	Keppele,	Snyder,
Campbell,	Kirk,	J. Scott,
Coolbaugh,	Keys,	Speer,
Cunningham,	Kelly,	Sample,
Conrad,	Kennedy,	Taylor,
Eyre,	Lyle,	Turner,
Erwin,	Logan,	Udree,
Ewalt,	Mewhorter,	Van Horne,
Frailey,	Miller,	Wharton,
Follmer,	Martin,	Watson,
Forster,	M'Pherson,	Wright,
Gehr,	M'Dowell,	Wilson,
Hall,	Penrose,	Welles,
Hemphill,	Power,	Williamson,
Hannum,	Preston,	Weaver. 66.

So there being no Nays, it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Franklin, having obtained leave, reported a bill, entitled “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money, for laying out and opening a road from Chambersburgh, in Franklin county, to intersect the State road east of the town of Bedford,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled “ An Act to render the punishment for the crime of horse-stealing more certain,” reported a bill of a similar title, which was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the said bill be specially recommended to the next Legislature.

The committee on roads and inland navigation, to whom were referred the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, praying pecuniary aid to rebuild a bridge over the Tobihanna river,

river, on the road from Wilkesbarre to Easton, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, to appropriate the sum of            dollars for re-building a bridge across the Tobihanna river, on the road leading from Wilkesbarre to Easton, and for cause-waying certain parts of the said road.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to continue and amend the “ existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendment, viz.

SECT. IV. strike out the words “ *one dollar*,” and insert “ *fifty cents*.”

The bill, entitled “ An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of “ this commonwealth,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendment, viz.

SECT. I. line 16, insert, next before the word “ *copies*,” the words “ *the remaining*.”

The bill, entitled “ An Act to continue, for an additional period, An “ Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein “ mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The bill, entitled “ An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, “ to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and “ partly in Lower Mount Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, “ and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

The report of the committee of the whole House on the bill, entitled  
 “ An Act to grant a sum of money to the trustees of the academy of Ca-  
 “ nonsburgh, in Washington county,” viz. “ *That they had negatived the*  
 “ *first section of the said bill,*” was read the second time.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the said report ?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. M'Dowell and Mr. Ewalt,  
 and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.			Y E A S.			Y E A S.		
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hall,	Messrs. Preston,						
Albright,	Hemphill,	Seckel,						
Bull,	Hannum,	Stover,						
Brown,	Hopkins,	Strickler,						
Buckley,	Keppele,	A. Scott,						
Barclay,	Kirk,	Stewart,						
Brooke,	Keys,	Speer,						
Campbell,	Kelly,	Sample,						
Erwin,	Miller,	Taylor,						
Fisher,	Martin,	Turner,						
Fraily,	M'Pherfon,	Udree.						35
Forster,	Power,							
N A Y S.			N A Y S.			N A Y S.		
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Harris,	Messrs. Rugh,						
Boileau,	Huston,	Raum,						
Cunningham,	Kennedy,	Shoemaker,						
Conrad,	Krause,	Snyder,						
Ewalt,	Linnard,	J. Scott,						
Follmer,	Lyle,	Wright,						
Gehr,	Logan,	Wilson,						
Horne,	Mewhorter,	Welles,						
Hartzell,	M'Dowell,	Williamson,						
Hendricks,	Penrose,	Weaver.						30.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the fol-  
 lowing message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honor to return  
 the bill, entitled “ An Act making provision for the opening and improv-  
 “ ing of a road over the Penn's Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin,”  
 which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the  
 concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate  
 hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill,  
 entitled “ An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the  
 “ employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the  
 “ city of Philadelphia,” and hath agreed to the report of the committee of  
 conference on the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act  
 “ for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Phila-  
 “ delphia

“delphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases,” non-concured by the House of Representatives, and adhered to by the Senate.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled “An Act for the relief of Dr. John Morris.”

And the section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Turner,

To postpone the further consideration of the said section, in order to introduce the following, as a substitute, viz.

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Doctor John Morris, late a Surgeon in the army of the United States, in the legion commanded by General Armand, is hereby entitled to such portion of lands, as other officers of the same rank of the late line of this State, in the service of the United States, are entitled to, agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly passed the seventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and by subsequent acts of the Legislature of this commonwealth, passed the twelfth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and twenty-fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

On the question,—“*Will the House agree to postpone?*”

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Turner,

To postpone the further consideration of the said bill for the present.

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, and seconded by Mr. Boileau,

To amend the same, by inserting in line 4, next after the word “*same*,” the words, “*That the Register-General and Comptroller-General be, and they are hereby authorized and required to adjust and settle the accounts of the said militia corps, for their services as aforesaid.*”

Which was determined in the negative.

On the question,—“*Will the House agree to the section?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Keppele, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.

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Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*. Messrs. Bull,  
Albright,

Brown,

Messrs. Campbell,  
Erwin,

Y E A S.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Frailey,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Harris,  
Huston,  
Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Kennedy,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Barclay,  
Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Logan,  
Mewhorter,  
Martin,  
M'Pherson,  
Penrose,  
Power,  
Preston,  
Rugh,  
Raum,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Follmer,  
Gehr,  
Krause,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Miller,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. A. Scott,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Wharton,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson. 44

## N A Y S.

Messrs. M'Dowell,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Weaver. 17

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

On motion, and by special order (*two thirds of the House agreeing to dispense with the rule*) the same was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill, entitled " An Act to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled " An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

2. An Act to continue, for an additional period, " An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

3. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-

Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

That he had returned two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.
2. An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia.

And informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And also informed that this House had agreed to the report of the committee of conference, on the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases," non-concured by the House of Representatives, and adhered to by the Senate.

And that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone, on the line dividing this State from the State of New York.
2. An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

### *E O D E M D I E. P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to present a bill, entitled "An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior," to which the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to return the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county," which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior," was read the first time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That Tuesday next be assigned for the second reading of the said bill, and that it be the order for that day.

The



The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county," to wit.

SECT. I. line 5, strike out "*for the time being.*"

SECT. II. line 3, strike out "*be in,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*not exceed;*" and strike out, in the same line, "*and not otherwise;*" line 20, next after "*bridges,*" insert "*and to the erection of others on the said road, wherever the same shall be by them found necessary.*"

SECT. IV. line 4, strike out the words, "*or any part of,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*at or near any of the bridges situated on ;*" and strike out from the word "*thereon,*" in line 10, to the end of the section.

Strike out section V. and number the sections remaining accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin."

SECT. I. line 8, strike out "*to this commonwealth,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*from Mifflin county to the county of Cumberland.*"

SECT. II. strike out from the word "*mills,*" in line 9, to the end of the section.

Insert a new section, as follows, viz.

And whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature, that the monies heretofore appropriated for opening the state road from Bedford to Pittsburgh have been insufficient for the purpose, and that the opening of said road being necessary and of public utility : Therefore

SECT. III. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of one thousand dollars, in addition to former grants, shall be, and is hereby, granted and appropriated, for the purpose of opening and improving the said road, to be paid out of the arrearages of taxes due to the commonwealth from Westmoreland county, on warrant or warrants of the Governor for that purpose drawn on the Treasurer of said county, and to be applied to that part of the road which lies between Turtle creek and Pittsburgh: *Provided always nevertheless,* That the Treasurer shall have credit in the said warrant or warrants for such taxes, as may be due from Allegheney county to the county of Westmoreland.

Title of the bill, at the end of the title, insert "*and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.*"

Ordered to lie on the table.

The

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Samuel Laird and others."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppeler reported that the committee of the whole House had negatived the section of the bill.

On motion (*two thirds of the House agreeing to dispense with the rule*)

The bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, and that it be transmitted to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. McPherson asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;" that he had returned the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four," and informed the Senate that this House had passed the same; and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.
2. An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia.
3. An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.
4. An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

Adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday next, A. M.

M O N D A Y,

M O N D A Y, April 8th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.
2. An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.
4. An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn’s-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin,” read the 6th instant, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the first, and non-concur the second amendment. And

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the third amendment be postponed for the present.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county,” read the 6th instant, were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Wharton reported the bill, with an amendment, which was read, and

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled “ An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia,” and also the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.”

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office,” to wit.

SECT. I. Strike out from the word “ to,” in line 5, to the end of the section, and insert “ *settle the accounts of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General, for monies by him paid for clerk-hire, and allow him such sum as he shall have paid, over and above what has been allowed by law; provided the said surplus shall not exceed the sum of two thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars and twelve cents.*”

Preamble. Strike out from the word “ a,” in line 7, and, in place thereof, insert the words, “ *considerable sum over and above what he has been allowed by law.*” And

On motion, and by special order, the same were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act concerning writs of partition.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported the bill, without amendment.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled “ An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, with amendments, which were read.

Whereupon

Whereupon

On motion, and by special order, the said bill was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the same having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and for other purposes,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. An ACT for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

II. An ACT declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.

III. An ACT to repeal part of an act, entitled “ An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the water courses and common sewers, within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

IV. An ACT for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy.

V. An ACT for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 5th, 1799.*

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone, on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York.

2. An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.

3. An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia.

4. An ACT for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

5. An ACT to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

6. An ACT for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An ACT vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court," was read the second time.

On the question,—*"Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?"*

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the said bill having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.

II. An ACT to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this State, in the city of Philadelphia.

III. An ACT for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

IV. An ACT to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone, on the line dividing this State from the State of New-York.

V. An ACT to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 8th, 1799.*

On motion of Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

*Resolved*, That so much of the resolution of this House, passed December 6th, 1798, as directs that a copy of each paper published in this city be left with the Clerk, during the recess, be rescinded.

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The Clerk reported that he had informed the Senate, that the House of Representatives had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware " to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on " the public State road of said county;" and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

2. An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3. An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.

4. An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, April 9th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Preston presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Delaware, remonstrating against the law, now pending, for the erection of a poor house in the said county, and praying that the same may not be passed into a law, which were read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act to supply certain defects in " the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and bo- " roughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, en- " titled "An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly " of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. I. line 18, between the words "*bounds*" and "*or*," insert "*of*."

Strike out sections 4, 5, and 7, and number the remaining sections accordingly.

SECT. VIII. strike out of lines 9 and 10 the words, "*thirty-seven cents and an half, and no more*," and insert "*twenty-six cents*."

Title of the bill, strike out, next after the word "*commonwealth*," in line 3, all that follows to the word "*Philadelphia*," inclusive, in line 6.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An Act vesting certain powers in " the Judges of the Supreme Court," was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That that the said bill pass.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint commissioners to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line,” was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The third section being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

To amend the same, by striking out all that follows the word “ *canal*,” in line 8.

On the question,—“ *Will the House agree to the amendment?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Follmer, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Baird, Boileau, Cunningham, Ewalt, Follmer, Forster, Gehr, Horne,	Messrs. Harris, Kennedy, Krause, Lyle, Logan, Mewhorter, Martin, M'Dowell,	Messrs. Rugh, Shoemaker, Snyder, Van Horne, Wright, Welles, Williamson, Weaver. 24
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> . Albright, Bull, Brown, Barclay, Brooke, Campbell, Coolbaugh, Erwin, Fisher, Frailey, Hall, Hemphill, Hannum,	Messrs. Hopkins, Hartzell, Hendricks, Ingels, Keppele, Kirk, Keys, Kelly, Linnard, Miller, Penrose, Preston, Palmer, Seckel,	Messrs. Stocker, Stover, Strickler, A. Scott, Stewart, J. Scott, Speer, Sample, Taylor, Turner, Udree, Wharton, Watson, Wilson. 42

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Wharton,

To amend, by striking out of lines 9 and 10 the words, “ *without proper authority from the Governor of this commonwealth.*”

Which was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Frailey, and seconded by Mr. Udree,

To amend, by striking out from the word “ *provision*,” in line 4, to the word “ *of*,” in line 6, inclusive, and inserting, in place thereof, the following,



lowing, viz. "*the Legislatures of Maryland and Delaware, respectively, shall have incorporated companies for the purpose of completing the aforesaid canal;*" and by striking out of line 8 the words, "*by means of a canal.*"

Which was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Kirk, two of the majority,

To re-consider the motion made by Mr. Frailey, seconded by Mr. Wharton, and agreed to, to strike out the words, "*without proper authority from the Governor of this commonwealth.*"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the said amendment?*"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Speer, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

To amend, by striking out of line 4 the words, "*provision by law shall have been made by,*" and to insert, in place thereof, the words "*shall adopt such measures as the Governor of this commonwealth shall judge proper and sufficient.*"

Which was determined in the negative, and the section adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Frailey,

That the following be an additional section, viz.

SECT. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the Legislatures of Maryland and Delaware, respectively, shall not, within two years from and after the passing of this act, make and enact such laws as shall be necessary on their parts, respectively, to carry into complete effect the provisions of this act, then, and in that case, this act, and all the provisions therein contained, shall become void and of none effect, any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

On the question,—"*Will the House agree to the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Hemphill, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Boileau,	Messrs. Hendricks,	Messrs. Rose,
Conrad,	Harris,	Shoemaker,
Ewalt,	Kennedy,	Snyder,
Frailey,	Krause,	Wright,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Wilson,
Forster,	Logan,	Welles,
Gehr,	Mewhorter,	Williamson,
Horne,	McDowell,	Weaver. 26.
Hartzell,	Rugh,	
N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Bull,	Messrs. Barclay,
Albright,	Brown,	Baird,
		N A Y S.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Brooke,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Cunningham,  
Erwin,  
Fisher,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Ingels,  
Keppele,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Linnard,  
Miller,  
Penrose,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,  
Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. A. Scott,  
Stewart,  
J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,  
Turner,  
Udree,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson.

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So it was determined in the negative.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act for the relief of George Walton,” and “ An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle’s Nest, “ in Mifflin county, to Le Bœuf, in the county of Allegheny,” which the Senate hath passed; also two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act to authorize the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the “ express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the “ city of Philadelphia,” and “ An Act to erect certain election districts in “ the counties of Northampton and Luzerne,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.”

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled “ A further supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial “ road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for “ other purposes.”

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher reported the bill, without amendment. And

On motion, and by special order, the said bill was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

The first section thereof being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Boileau, and seconded by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the same, by striking out, from and after the word “ *be*,” in line 12, to the end of the section, and inserting, in place thereof, the words,

“ *continued*

*“ continued in force for seven years from the passing of this act, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.”*

Which was determined in the affirmative, and the section, as amended, adopted.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the title thereof be, “ An Act to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled A further supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes,” and that it be transcribed for a third reading.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia,” were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia,” to wit.

SECT. I. line 6, transpose the word “ *and*,” placing it next after the word “ *solely*,” and next after “ *and*” insert “ *exclusively*,” line 11, next after the word “ *shall*,” insert “ *pay the same duties*.”

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the act of the General Assembly, entitled “ An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth,” and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the Senate, in which it originated.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 8th, 1799.*

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne,” were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne.”

SECT. I. line 4, next after “ *Chestnut-bill*,” insert “ *in the county of Northampton*.”

Insert a new section, viz.

SECT. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of Washington county as lies within the following bounds, viz. beginning on the Monongahela river, one mile above the mouth of Pigeon creek; thence a direct line to Thomas Parkinson's old mill, on said creek; thence up the same creek to Bentley's mills; thence along the road from said mills to the Quaker meeting-house; thence to Nathan Heald's saw-mill, on Pike run; thence to the main road leading from Washington to Brownsville; thence along said road to the Monongahela river; thence down said river to the place of beginning, shall be a separate election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Edward West, in said district.

Title. Next after the word "*of*," insert "*Washington*."

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

The first amendment was concured.

The second amendment being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the same?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Frailey and Mr. Udree, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.		Y E A S.		Y E A S.	
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> ,	Messrs. Hopkins,	Messrs. A. Scott,			
Albright,	Keppele,	Stewart,			
Bull,	Keys,	Speer,			
Brown,	Kelly,	Sample,			
Barclay,	Miller,	Taylor,			
Brooke,	Martin,	Turner,			
Erwin,	Preston,	Wharton,			
Fisher,	Palmer,	Watson,			
Forster,	Seckel,	Welles,			
Hall,	Stocker,	Williamson.	34.		
Hemphill,	Stover,				
Hannum,	Strickler,				
N A Y S.		N A Y S.		N A Y S.	
Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hendricks,	Messrs. Rugh,			
Boileau,	Harris,	Rose,			
Coolbaugh,	Ingels,	Raum,			
Cunningham,	Kennedy,	Shoemaker,			
Conrad,	Linnard,	Udree,			
Frailey,	Lyle,	Van Horne,			
Follmer,	Mewhorter,	Wright,			
Horne,	M'Dowell,	Wilson,			
Hartzell,	Penrose,	Weaver.	27.		

So it was determined in the affirmative.

And the third amendment was concured.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act concerning writs of partition," was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And the said bill having been fully considered by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway."

After some time,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Keppele reported the bill, without amendment. And

On motion, and by special order, the said bill was read, as reported by the committee of the whole House.

And having been fully considered,

On motion, (*two thirds of the House agreeing to dispense with the rule*) it was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the same having been fully considered,

On motion (*two thirds of the House agreeing to dispense with the rule*) it was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass.

The bill from the Senate, entitled " An Act to establish a ferry over the river Kiskiminetas, on the road leading from Greensburgh to John Finley's mill, in the county of Westmoreland, and for vesting the right thereof in Peter Clause, his heirs and assigns," was read the second time.

On the question,—"*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*"

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

The first section being under consideration,

On motion of Mr Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Mewhorter,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said section and bill be postponed.

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The bill from the Senate, entitled “An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior,” was read the second time.

On the question,—“*Will the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill?*”

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the House will in the present instance dispense with the rule.

And the same having been fully considered,

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed for a third reading.

The Clerk reported that he had returned to the Senate two bills, entitled respectively, viz.

1. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.
2. An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

And informed the Senate that this House had passed the same; and also two bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and fundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled “An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

2. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

And informed that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And that he also informed that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the following bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

2. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne.

3. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the exprefs and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 10th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared seven bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

2. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

3. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

4. An Act for the relief of George Walton.

5. An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheney.

6. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.

7. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The committee to whom was referred, February 13th last, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Londonderry, in the county of Bedford, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have taken the prayer of the petitioners into consideration, and are of opinion that the same ought to be granted: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the consideration of the next Legislature—

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for, “ and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening “ the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line,” was read the third time.

On the question,—“ *Shall this bill pass, with the following amendment ?*” viz.

SECT. I. line 20, strike out the words, “ *five dollars*,” and insert, in place thereof, the words, “ *three dollars and fifty cents*.”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Follmer, and are as follow, viz.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Evans, *Speaker*.  
Albright,  
Bull,  
Brown,  
Buckley,  
Barclay,  
Campbell,  
Coolbaugh,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Erwin,  
Frailey,  
Hall,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Hopkins,  
Hartzell,  
Hendricks,  
Huston,  
Ingels,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Keppele,  
Kirk,  
Keys,  
Kelly,  
Linnard,  
Miller,  
Penrose,  
Preston,  
Palmer,  
Seckel,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Stocker,  
Stover,  
Strickler,  
A. Scott,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. J. Scott,  
Speer,  
Sample,  
Taylor,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Turner,  
Van Horne,  
Wharton,  
Watson. 42.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Baird,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Ewalt,  
Follmer,  
Forster,  
Horne,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Kennedy,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Martin,  
McDowell,  
Rugh,  
Raum,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Snyder,  
Wright,  
Wilson,  
Welles,  
Williamson,  
Weaver. 20.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act concerning writs of partition,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendment, viz.

SECT. II. line 19, insert, next after the word “ *rights*,” the following, “ *but in case each of the persons interested, or more than one of them, shall be willing to take the lands and tenements at the appraised value, then, in that case, the court shall determine to whom the lands and tenements shall be conveyed.*”

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled A further supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendments, viz.

SECT. I. line 12, strike out, next after the word “ *be*,” to the end of the section, and insert, in place of the words stricken out, “ *continued in force for seven years from the passing of this act, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.*”

Title. Strike out, in line 1, the words, “ *render perpetual*,” and insert, in place thereof, the words, “ *extend for a limited time.*”

The bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior,” was read the third time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill pass, with the following amendment, viz.

SECT. I. strike out, at the end thereof, the words, “ *that may be unappropriated.*”

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act making provision for the opening and improving  
“ of



“ of a road over the Penn’s-Valley mountains, in the county of Mifflin,” postponed the 8th instant.

The third amendment recurring,

On the question,—“ *Will the House concur the same?*”

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Frailey, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hemphill,	Messrs. Strickler,
Bull,	Hendricks,	A. Scott,
Buckley,	Harris,	Speer,
Brooke,	Keppele,	Sample,
Campbell,	Lyle,	Taylor,
Coolbaugh,	Logan,	Wharton,
Cunningham,	Martin,	Wright,
Ewalt,	Preston,	Welles,
Fisher,	Palmer,	Williamson. 31.
Forster,	Rugh,	
Hall,	Seckel,	

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Albright,	Messrs. Ingels,	Messrs. Stover,
Brown,	Kirk,	Shoemaker,
Boileau,	Keys,	Snyder,
Conrad,	Kennedy,	Turner,
Eyre,	Linnard,	Udree,
Frailey,	M’Dowell,	Van Horne,
Hopkins,	Penrose,	Wilson. 23.
Hartzell,	Raum,	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The fourth amendment was concured.

A motion was made by Mr. Williamson, and seconded by Mr. Speer,

To re-consider the second amendment, non-concured the 8th instant.

Which was agreed to.

On the question,—“ *Will the House concur the said amendment?*”

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Clerk reported that he had returned to the Senate four bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.

2. An Act concerning writs of partition.

3. An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

4. An Act for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior.

And informed the Senate that this House had passed the same, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Hemphill, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this House be allowed the sum of five hundred dollars each, in full for their *extra* services; that the Serjeant-at-Arms be allowed two hundred dollars, and the Door-keeper three hundred dollars, for their *extra* services; and that the Speaker be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw his warrants on the Treasurer for the same.

The report of the committee on the memorial of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, read the second instant, was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That it be specially recommended to the consideration of the next Legislature.

The committee appointed January 28th last, on the subject of lands granted for the use of public schools, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have made enquiry at several of the offices, where information was likely to be obtained on that subject, and are not able to discover that the Supreme Executive Council ever issued orders for the surveying the sixty thousand acres of land for the use of public schools, as directed by the above recited act; but from the difficulty of making the search on the records of the Executive Council, the committee are not certain but that such orders may have issued, and probably the land may have been surveyed: They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That it be, and it is hereby, recommended to the succeeding Legislature to make further enquiries whether any, and (if any) what proceedings have been taken in laying off and securing the land granted for the use of public schools, as ordered by the act of Assembly of April 7th, 1786.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to incorporate that part of the district of the Northern-Liberties, lying between the middle of Sixth-street and the river Delaware, and between Vine-street and Cohocksink creek," read the 3d instant, were read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed.

A motion was made by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Boileau, and adopted, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the act to provide for the instruction of youth, by establishing schools throughout this commonwealth, be, and the same is hereby, recommended

recommended to the early and particular attention of the succeeding Legislature.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act for the abolition of slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," be specially recommended to the consideration of the next Legislature.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An Act to allow the Conewago Canal Company to exact a toll from the boats, rafts and vessels, using the same," be specially recommended to the consideration of the next Legislature.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "A Supplement to the act enabling the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for making an artificial road from the borough of Lancaster to the river Susquehanna, at or near Wright's ferry," be specially recommended to the consideration of the next Legislature.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the Senate, in which they originated.

I. An ACT for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

II. An ACT providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.

III. An ACT to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia.

IV. An ACT to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greenesburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 9th, 1799.*

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,"

“wealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “An Act to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;” to wit.

SECT. I. line 5, at the end of the line, insert “*forty thousand dollars of;*” line 6, next after “*be;*” insert “*forthwith;*” line 7, next after the word “*Bank;*” insert the words, “*and the remainder thereof;*” lines 7 and 8, strike out “*in one entire sum, and when the same,*” and insert “*by three equal instalments, and when the same, or any part thereof;*” at the end of line 9, insert “*but no such credit shall be given, except for the said forty thousand dollars, unless on thirty days notice by the Governor to the President and Directors of the Bank, and for the payment of the interest on the sum which may be borrowed in virtue of this act;*” lines 13 and 14, strike out the words, “*and for the payment of the interest on the aforesaid sum of one hundred thousand dollars;*” line 18, next after the word “*accrued,*” insert “*and;*” line 19, between “*sum*” and “*shall,*” insert “*or so much thereof as may be borrowed as aforesaid;*” line 20, strike out “*day on which it,*” and insert “*respective instalments;*” line 26, at the end of the line, insert “*or so much thereof as shall be borrowed as aforesaid;*” line 28, at the end of the line, insert “*equal to the sum which may be so borrowed.*”

SECT. II. line 1, strike out “*so much of.*”

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate (if the Senate should appoint such committee) on the subject of the said amendments, and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Frailey and Mr. Lyle be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“MR. SPEAKER,

“In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return two bills, entitled, respectively, viz. “An Act to continue, for an additional period, “An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned;” and “An Act to declare Fishing creek, and  
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“ one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways,” which the Senate hath passed; also two bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode of authenticating claims thereto;” and “ An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased,” and hath non-concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled “ An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes,” and hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act concerning writs of partition,” and on the bill, entitled “ An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna, down to the Maryland line.”

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill from the Senate, entitled “ An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled “ An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes,” were read.

Whereupon.

*Resolved*, That this House recede from the said amendments.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled “ An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned,” which the Senate hath passed; and the bill, entitled “ A Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for the regulation of apprentices,” which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the bill, entitled “ An Act for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior,” and also on the bill, entitled “ An Act to render perpetual an act, entitled “ A further Supplement to the act, entitled

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“ An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes.”

And having presented the said bills and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared three bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.
2. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies,” were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled “ An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies,” to wit.

SECT. II. line 10, strike out “ *highest in votes shall be changed,*” and, in place thereof, insert “ *highest in vote shall serve three years, the next highest two years, and the lowest one year, and their places respectively be supplied.*”

SECT. III. line 13, strike out “ *city or.*”

SECT. IV. line 15, at the end of the line, insert “ *and if any constable shall neglect to make such return, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for every such neglect.*”

SECT. V. line 5, strike out “ *thirty,*” and insert “ *twenty.*”

SECT. VI. line 7, strike out “ *certificate,*” and insert “ *certified copy;*” and, next after “ *which,*” insert “ *oath or affirmation;*” line 8, strike out “ *be,*” and insert “ *such assessor or assistant assessor.*”

SECT. VII. line 18, strike out “ *in dollars and cents;*” line 26, next preceding “ *townships,*” insert “ *wards or;*” and, next after “ *assessors,*” insert “ *or collectors;*” line 28, next after “ *assessors,*” insert “ *or collector;*” line 29, next after “ *his,*” insert “ *ward or;*” line 32, next after “ *assessor,*” insert “ *or collector.*”

SECT. IX. line 21, next after “ *assessor,*” insert “ *or collector.*”

SECT. X. line 12, strike out “ *thirty,*” and insert “ *twenty;*” and, next after “ *dollars,*” insert “ *and another person shall be appointed in his stead.*”

SECT. XI. strike out from “ *shall,*” in line 4, to “ *keep,*” in line 6; line 7, strike out “ *assist them at appeals;*” strike out from “ *services,*” in line 11, to the end of the section, and insert “ *such sum as the commissioners shall at their first meeting in each year agree upon.*”

SECT. XIII. line 6, strike out “ *triennially*” and insert “ *annually;*” strike out from the word “ *shall,*” in line 7, to the end of line 8; strike out from “ *commissioners,*” in line 10, to the word “ *conditioned,*” in line 11; line 14, strike out “ *at the expiration of three years.*”

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SECT. XV. line 26, strike out "*without bail;*" line 27, next after "*paid,*" insert "*or secured to be paid.*"

SECT. XVIII. line 4, next after "*duplicates,*" insert "*or given security for the payment thereof.*"

SECT. XX. line 6, next after "*or,*" insert "*their,*" and make "*successor*" "*successors.*"

SECT. XXII. line 3, strike out "*two dollars,*" and insert "*one dollar and thirty-three cents, and no more;*" line 6, strike out "*and fifty cents.*"

SECT. XXIII. line 23, strike out "*a,*" and insert "*the.*"

SECT. XXIV. line 13, next after "*said,*" insert "*Court, and.*"

SECT. XXV. line 13, next after "*until,*" insert "*three months notice given in three of the daily papers of the city of Philadelphia, and in one other newspaper in or nearest to the county where such land is situate, that one or more years tax is due on the unseated land in said county, and the expences of such publication shall be at the proper cost of the delinquent; and if any tax due as aforesaid shall at the expiration of three months remain unpaid, the Commissioners shall make;*" line 15, strike out "*is made and published six,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*and publish the same three;*" line 16, strike out "*six,*" and insert "*three;*" line 18, strike out "*by,*" and insert "*and,*" and strike out "*who,*" and insert "*shall;*" line 19, strike out "*shall.*"

Insert a new section, to wit.

SECT. XXVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of each and every county shall publish a fair and accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, for four days at least, in one or more of the newspapers printed in their counties, respectively, wherein a newspaper is or shall be printed, and where no paper is or shall be printed, then in at least fifty hand bills, to be set up in the most public places in the county in the month of February annually, under penalty of one hundred dollars each, to be recovered by the Prothonotary of the county, and paid into the Treasury, for the use of the county; and the said statements shall enumerate the respective sums paid by each ward or township within the said city and county, and also designate the various sums expended for the support of the prisons, the pay of each Commissioner and their Clerk, the repairs of old or erection of new bridges, and the sums paid to individuals for lands over which roads have been laid out, with such other items as they may judge will have a tendency to convey general information on the various transactions of the year.

Make SECT. XXVII. SECT. XXVIII. and at the end of the section insert, "*provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Collector of any tax or taxes laid under any former law or laws.*" And

On motion, and by special order, the same were severally read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved,* That this House concur the said amendments.

The amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for the regulation of apprentices," were read the first time, as follow, viz.

Strike out SECT. II. and make SECT. III. SECT. II. And

On motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendments.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin," and had disagreed to the report of the committee of conference on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth;" that he had presented an Extract from the Journal, relative to the appointment of a committee of conference on the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled " An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;" and that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, ten bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

2. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

3. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

4. An Act for the relief of George Walton.

5. An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheny.

6. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.

7. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public State road of said county.

8. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.

9. An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

10. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

The amendment by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode of authenticating claims thereto," was read the first time, as follows, viz.

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SECT. II. line 7, strike out "*is or.*"

And on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon

*Resolved*, That this House concur the said amendment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

2. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

3. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

4. An Act for the relief of George Walton.

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6. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.

7. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.

8. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.

9. An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

10. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

T H U R S D A Y, April 11th, 1799. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the amendments by the Senate on the following bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

2. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of apprentices."

3. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

And that they had receded from their amendments on the bill, entitled "An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the  
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“ several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.”

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled “ An Act to appropriate a sum of money for laying out and opening a road from Chambersburgh, in Franklin county, to intersect the State road east of the town of Bedford,” be specially recommended to the consideration of the next Legislature.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to continue, for an additional period, “ An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”
2. A supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of apprentices.”
3. An Act to declare Fishing creek and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways.
4. An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn’s-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.
5. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.
6. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Senate, on the subject of their amendments on the bill, entitled “ An Act to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes;” made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That in their opinion the following amendments to the amendments by the Senate are expedient, and that the committee of the Senate concur the same, viz.

SECT. I. line 5, strike out the word “ *forty*,” and insert “ *fifty* ;” line 8, strike out “ *by three equal instalments*,” and insert “ *in one entire sum*,” strike out the words, “ *or any part thereof* ;” line 10, strike out the word “ *forty*,” and insert “ *first mentioned fifty*.” And

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of apprentices.”

2. An Act to continue, for an additional period, “ An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

3. An Act to declare Fishing creek and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways.

4. An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.

5. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

6. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

The report on the petition of Joseph Knight, read February 20th last, was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to continue, for an additional period, “ An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

2. A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of apprentices.”

3. An Act to declare Fishing creek and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways.

4. An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.

5. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

6. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

GENTLEMEN,

THE bill, entitled “ An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of “ pestilential and contagious diseases,” was presented for my consideration yesterday afternoon, and I take the earliest opportunity to return it, with the following objections against its being passed into a law.

By the eighth section of the second article of the constitution it is provided, that “ the Governor shall appoint all officers, whose offices are established by the constitution, or shall be established by law, and whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for.”

By the first section of the bill under consideration it is declared, that “ the Board of Health shall have power to appoint an Health-officer, Quarantine-master, and such other officers and servants, as from time to time shall be found necessary to perform the several duties required by this act, and their future regulations, and to remove any of the officers and servants by them appointed, and appoint others in their places.”

The offices of Health-officer and Quarantine-master it is proposed to establish by law ; and as there is no special provision for the appointment of such officers in the constitution, I am of opinion that it would be unconstitutional to vest the power of appointing them in any other person or persons than the Governor of the commonwealth.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 11th, 1799.*

Whereupon

On motion of Mr. Keppele, seconded by Mr. Penrose,

The House proceeded to the reconsideration of the said bill. And

On the question,—“ *Shall this bill pass?*”

The Yeas and Nays being called for by Mr. Keppele and Mr. Hemphill; it was unanimously determined in the negative, as follows, viz.

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Hannum,	Messrs. Preston,
Albright,	Hopkins,	Palmer,
Brown,	Horne,	Rose,
Buckley,	Hartzell,	Raum,
Brooke,	Hendricks,	Strickler,
Boileau,	Harris,	A. Scott,
Campbell,	Ingels,	Stewart,
Cunningham,	Keppele,	J. Scott,
Conrad,	Kirk,	Sample,
Eyre,	Keys,	Taylor,
Ewalt,	Kennedy,	Turner,
Frailey,	Linnard,	Van Horne,
Follmer,	Lyle,	Watson,
Forster,	Logan,	Wright,
Gehr,	Miller,	Welles,
Hall,	Martin,	Williamson,
Hemphill,	Penrose,	Weaver. 51.

Mr. Keppele read in his place a bill, entitled “ An Act for establishing “ an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the “ introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases,” and, having obtained leave, presented the same to the Chair, when it was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon

Whereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the 19th rule of this House be suspended for the present.

The said bill was then read the second time.

And the same having been fully considered by paragraphs,

It was read the third time. And

On the question,—“ *Shall this bill pass?* ”

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the fourth rule for conducting business between the Senate and House of Representatives be dispensed with, as far as relates to the bill, entitled “ An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.”

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

**I** HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

II. An ACT vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.

III. An ACT declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

IV. An ACT to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.

V. An ACT for the relief of George Walton.

VI. An ACT to erect certain election districts in the counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.

VII. An ACT to provide for opening a road from near the Bald Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Boeuf, in the county of Allegheny.

VIII. An ACT to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

IX. An ACT for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 10th, 1799.*

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate an Extract from the Journal, relative to dispensing with the fourth rule for conducting business between the two Houses, as far as respects the bill, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases."

Mr. Malack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" which the Senate hath passed, with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

And having presented the said bill and amendments to the Chair, he withdrew.

The amendments were then read, as follow, viz.

Amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled "An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to wit.

Strike out SECT. I.

SECT. II. strike out from the word "*said*," in line 4, to the word "*of*," in line 5, inclusively, and insert "*reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, which have not been laid out in town or out lots, or ceded to the United States, and to lay off the same into lots, not exceeding one hundred and fifty ;*" line 7, strike out "*of*," and, next after the word "*drafts*," insert "*Provided always, that in each of the said reserved tracts the quantity of five hundred acres be laid off, for the use of such schools or academies as may hereafter be established by law in the said several towns.*"

SECT. III. line 7, strike out "*and*," and, next after the word "*Waterford*," insert "*and Beaver*;" line 10, strike out "*three*," and, in place thereof, insert "*one*;" line 11, next after "*Philadelphia*," insert "*and*," and strike out the words "*at least*;" strike out the words, "*in Dauphin county one, one in Lancaster, and one in Washington*," lines 11, 12 and 13; line 21, insert at the end of the line, "*but that no contract shall be confirmed by the said Commissioner for fifteen days after the said books shall be opened, and the highest price offered within that time shall be accepted.*"

SECT. IV. strike out the proviso.

SECT. V. line 3, strike out "*four*," and insert "*five*;" strike out "*redeem*," in lines 3 and 4, and, in place thereof, insert "*attend at*;" line 8, strike out "*and*," preceding "*Waterford*," and next after "*Waterford*," insert "*and Beaver*."

SECT. VI. line 2, next after "*as aforesaid*," insert "*that those persons, who have purchased any lot or lots in the second and third divisions of the town of Erie, may take a lot or lots in the first division of said town, at the same*"  
"price"

" *price they purchased them at the former sales, and ;*" strike out the words "*built on,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*paid for ;*" line 4, strike out "*valuation price,*" and insert "*prices they sold for at former sales ;*" line 5, strike out "*sales are advertised, and comply with,*" and insert "*passing of this act, and pay for.*"

SECT. VIII. line 4, strike out "*than two, nor more ;*" line 5, strike out "*at the discretion of,*" and insert "*to.*"

Number the sections accordingly.

Title. Strike out, in line 3, the word "*and,*" and, next after "*Waterford,*" insert "*and Beaver.*"

And on motion, and by special order, the same were read the second time.

And the first amendment, to wit. "Strike out SECT. I." was concured.

The second amendment, to wit. "SECT. II. strike out from the word "*said,*" in line 4, to the word "*of,*" in line 5, inclusively, and insert "*reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren, Waterford and Beaver, which have not been laid out in town or out-lots, or ceded to the United States, and to lay off the same into lots, not exceeding one hundred and fifty,*" was concured, with an amendment, viz. strike out "*and Beaver,*" next after the word "*Waterford,*" and insert the word "*and,*" between the words "*Warren*" and "*Waterford.*"

The third amendment, to wit. "SECT. II. line 7, strike out "*of,*" and, next after the word "*drafts,*" insert "*Provided always, that in each of the said reserved tracts the quantity of five hundred acres be laid off, for the use of such schools or academies as may hereafter be established by law in the said several towns,*" was concured.

The fourth amendment, to wit. "SECT. III. line 7, strike out "*and,*" and, next after the word "*Waterford,*" insert "*and Beaver,*" was non-concured.

The fifth amendment, to wit. "SECT. III. line 10, strike out "*three,*" and, in place thereof, insert "*one ;*" line 11, next after "*Philadelphia,*" insert "*and,*" and strike out the words "*at least ;*" strike out the words, "*in Dauphin county one, one in Lancaster, and one in Washington,*" lines 11, 12 and 13, was non-concured.

The sixth amendment, to wit. "SECT. III. line 21, insert, at the end of the "line, "*but that no contract shall be confirmed by said Commissioner for fifteen days after the said books shall be opened, and the highest price offered within that time shall be accepted,*" was concured.

The seventh amendment, to wit. "SECT. IV. strike out the proviso," being under consideration,

On the question,—"*Will the House concur the said amendment ?*"

The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Forster and Mr. Fisher, and are as follow, viz.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Messrs. Evans, <i>Speaker.</i>	Messrs. Bull,	Messrs. Campbell,
Albright,	Buckley,	Fisher,
	[ 119 ]	Y E A S.

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Forster,  
Hemphill,  
Hannum,  
Harris,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Keppele,  
Palmer,  
Raum,  
A. Scott,

## Y E A S.

Messrs. Sample,  
Turner,  
Wharton,  
Wilson. 18.

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Brown,  
Boileau,  
Cunningham,  
Conrad,  
Eyre,  
Ewalt,  
Frailey,  
Follmer,  
Hopkins,  
Hendricks,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Ingels,  
Kirk,  
Kennedy,  
Linnard,  
Lyle,  
Logan,  
Miller,  
Martin,  
M'Dowell,  
Penrose,

## N A Y S.

Messrs. Rose,  
Strickler,  
Shoemaker,  
Stewart,  
Snyder,  
Speer,  
Watson,  
Wright,  
Weaver. 29.

So it was determined in the negative.

The eighth amendment, to wit. "SECT. V. line 3, strike out "*four*," and insert "*five*;" strike out "*reside in*," lines 3 and 4, and, in place thereof, insert "*attend at*," was non-concured.

The ninth amendment, to wit. "SECT. V. line 8, strike out "*and*," preceding "*Waterford*," and, next after "*Waterford*," insert "*and Beaver*," was non-concured.

The tenth amendment, to wit. "SECT. VI. line 2, next after "*afore-said*," insert "*that those persons, who have purchased any lot or lots in the second and third divisions of the town of Erie, may take a lot or lots in the first division of said town, at the same price they purchased them at the former sales, and;*" strike out the words, "*built on*," and, in place thereof, insert "*paid for*;" line 4, strike out "*valuation price*," and insert "*prices they sold for at former sales*;" line 5, strike out "*sales are advertised*," and insert "*passing of this act, and pay for*," was concured.

The eleventh amendment, to wit. "SECT. VIII. line 4, strike out "*than two, nor more*;" line 5, strike out "*at the discretion of*," and insert "*to*," was concured.

The twelfth amendment, to wit. "Title. Strike out, in line 3, the word "*and*," and, next after "*Waterford*," insert "*and Beaver*," was non-concured.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.



2. An Act concerning writs of partition.

3. An Act to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

4. An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior.

5. An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled " An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes."

6. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I am directed to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled " An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes."

Also that the Senate hath receded from their amendment on the bill, entitled " An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth," non-concurred by the House of Representatives; and hath concurred the resolution of the House of Representatives, respecting dispensing with the fourth rule for conducting business between the two Houses, as to the bill therein mentioned.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate of the resolutions of this House relative to the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and that he had presented to the Senate, for concurrence, the bill, entitled " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases."

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an extract from the Journal of that House.

And

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, April 11th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, directed, as soon as he shall receive the printed copies of the act passed this session, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," to transmit the same to the Prothonotaries of the respective counties, in proportion to the number of Representatives in each county; and the said Prothonotaries, respectively, are enjoined to deliver the same to the county Commissioners, who shall furnish the Sheriff with one copy, and deliver the remainder among the Judges and Inspectors of election, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, Justices of the Peace, and township officers, in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants in each.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the House of Representatives, for concurrence.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.

2. An Act concerning writs of partition.

3. An Act to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

4. An Act for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior.

5. An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes."

6. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

The committee appointed to join a committee of the Senate, to inspect the general accounts in the books of the Bank of Pennsylvania, in order to ascertain the amount of the capital stock, of the debts due to the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, and of the cash on hand, made report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have performed that service, and from an examination of the general accounts, and the information they have received, believe the institution

ation to be in a safe and prosperous situation, and that it appears to be managed with the strictest attention and fidelity.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported, that he had informed the Senate that this House had concurred the resolution respecting the transmitting of copies of the act, entitled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, delivered the following message, viz.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" In obedience to the orders of the Senate, I have the honour to return three bills, entitled, respectively, " A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh;" " An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman;" and " An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases;" all which the Senate hath passed. And to inform that the Senate hath concurred the amendments by the House of Representatives on the amendments by the Senate on the bill, entitled " An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, he withdrew.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.

2. An Act concerning writs of partition.

3. An Act to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

4. An Act for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior.

5. An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled " An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes."

6. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate

ate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

Adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

*E O D E M D I E.* P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, compared six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

2. An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

3. An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth.

4. An Act to authorize the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes.

5. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

6. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And having presented the said bills to the Chair, the Speaker signed the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Horne, and read, as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint some proper person to take care of the public building intended for the use of the President of the United States, which person shall have, for his service, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Speaker of the Senate, for his signature, six bills, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

2. An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

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3. An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth.

4. An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors ; to make certain appropriations ; and for other purposes.

5. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

6. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported that they have, in conjunction with the committee of the Senate, presented the following bills to the Governor, for his approbation, viz.

1. A Supplement to the act, entitled “ An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh.”

2. An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

3. An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth.

4. An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors ; to make certain appropriations ; and for other purposes.

5. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

6. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

I. An ACT to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

II. An

II. An ACT to continue, for an additional period, " An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

III. An ACT making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.

IV. An ACT to declare Fishing creek and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways.

V. A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled " An Act for the regulation of apprentices."

VI. An ACT for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 11th, 1799.*

A letter addressed to the Speaker, signed Abfalom Baird, resigning his seat in this House, was read, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time.

Whereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That this House accept of the resignation of the said Abfalom Baird.

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Hemphill,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be given to the Speaker, for his faithful, upright and impartial conduct in discharging the various, important and arduous duties of his station.

The committee of accounts made a further report, which was read, as follows, viz.

That they have examined the accounts hereunto annexed, and find there is due

*Dolls. Cts.*

To Joseph Bullock, Esquire, for contingent expences paid by him on account of the House of Representatives,	-	1160	74
To Hall and Sellers, Printers of the Journal, &c.	-	2840	60
To Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford, for printing bills,		1309	1
To Thomas Dobson, for stationary,	-	198	91
To John Ward Fenno, for newspapers,	-	87	77
To Andrew Brown, for ditto,	-	71	94
To the heirs of B. F. Bache, for ditto	-	125	70
To David C. Claypoole, for ditto,	-	72	28
To Thomas Bradford, for ditto,	-	4	0
To Samuel F. Bradford, for ditto,	-	53	0
To William Cobbett, for ditto,	-	57	83
To Samuel H. Smith, for ditto,	-	13	8
To James Milnor, for drafting two bills,	-	16	0
To John L. Leib, for one ditto,	-	5	0
To Robert Frazer, for one ditto,	-	6	0
To A. J. Dallas, for two ditto,	-	12	0
			To

	<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
To Thomas Rofs, for drafting one bill,	8	0
To Jared Ingersol, for two ditto,	15	0
To James Martin, Sergeant-at-Arms, for ribbon,	1	47

They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker draw his warrants in favour of the above mentioned persons for the sums respectively affixed to their names, and

On motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

I HAVE this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and I have directed the Secretary of the commonwealth to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated.

I. An ACT to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

II. An ACT for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior.

III. An ACT concerning writs of partition.

IV. An ACT to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes."

V. An ACT to raise and collect county rates and levies.

VI. An ACT to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.

VII. An ACT empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

VIII. An ACT to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth.

IX. An ACT for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

X. A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

XI. An ACT to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled “ An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth,” passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors ; to make certain appropriations ; and for other purposes.

XII. A RESOLUTION for the distribution of a certain number of copies of the act, entitled “ An Act to regulate the general elections within “ this commonwealth.”

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 11th, 1799.*

Mr. Matlack, the Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented to the Chair an Extract from the Journal of that House.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY, April 11th, 1799.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the House of Representatives (if that House shall think proper to appoint such committee) to inform the Governor that the Legislature have agreed to adjourn this day, and to enquire whether he has any further communications to make to them. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Postlethwaite and Mr. Kean be a committee for that purpose.

*Extract from the Journal,*

T. M A T L A C K, *Clerk of the Senate.*

On motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Fisher,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the Senate, to inform the Governor that the Legislature have passed a resolution to adjourn this day, and to know if he has any further communications to make to them. And

*Ordered*, That Mr. Keppele, Mr. Preston and Mr. Rose be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Dallas, the Secretary of the commonwealth, being introduced, presented to the Chair a message from the Governor.

And having withdrawn, the same was read, as follows, viz.

*To the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

G E N T L E M E N,

I HAVE this day approved and signed the act of the General Assembly, entitled “ An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of “ land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and “ for other purposes therein mentioned.

T H O M A S M I F F L I N.

*Philadelphia, April 11th, 1799.*

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The Clerk reported that he had presented to the Senate an Extra<sup>c</sup>t from the Journal, relative to the appointment of a committee to inform the Governor of the resolution to adjourn, &c.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hemphill be a committee, to inform the Senate that this House is ready to adjourn.

Mr. Gurney, a committee from the Senate, being introduced, informed the House that the Senate were ready to adjourn.

Mr. Hemphill, the committee appointed to inform the Senate that this House is ready to adjourn, reported that he had performed that service.

The committee appointed to join a committee of the Senate, and inform the Governor that the Legislature had passed a resolution to adjourn this day, reported they had performed that service, and received for answer that the Governor had no further communications to make to the Legislature.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported, that they had deposited in the office of the Master of the Rolls, for the purpose of being enrolled, the several acts of the General Assembly passed during the present session, entitled, respectively, viz.

1. An Act to declare Frankford creek a public highway.
2. An Act to divide the second election district in the county of Huntingdon.
3. An Act to facilitate the barring of entails.
4. An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a toll-bridge over the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata.
5. An Act to erect the town of Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland, into a borough.
6. A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to provide for the erection of houses, for the employment and support of the poor, in the counties of Chester and Lancaster."
7. An Act to authorise the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.
8. An Act to raise, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expences of completing the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin-town, in the county of Mifflin.
9. An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth.
10. An Act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
11. A Supplement to the act, entitled " An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this state."
12. An Act for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark.

13. An

13. An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia beyond the four days, to which they are at present restricted.

14. An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, part of an act, entitled " A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes."

15. An Act authorising Benjamin Herr, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny river, in the county of Allegheny.

16. An Act to provide for the payment of twenty-nine thousand dollars, borrowed and expended for the use of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, and its vicinity, during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.

17. An Act to establish a ferry over the river Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts, their heirs and assigns.

18. An Act in favour of John Hazelwood.

19. An Act to continue an act, entitled " An Act to revive the incorporation of the subscribers to the Bank of North-America.

20. An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the city of Philadelphia, and the townships of Blockley and Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, when the Legislature shall be in session.

21. An Act for reviving suits, process and proceedings, which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Montgomery.

22. An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this commonwealth.

23. An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Montour's Island, recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

24. An Act to vest in the heirs of William Rankin, deceased, such part of his forfeited estate as hath not been sold for the use of this commonwealth.

25. An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin.

26. A Supplement to an act, entitled " An Act to regulate hawkers and pedlars.

27. An Act to appropriate a sum of money, to be applied in completing three bridges in Bedford county, and for other purposes.

28. An Act to appropriate a further sum of money for the opening and improving the road leading from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Pittsburgh.

29. An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert, of the county of Berks, or the survivor of them, to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned.

30. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of part of a certain tract of land, situate in Hellam township, in the county of

Work, in the state of Pennsylvania, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale for the purposes therein mentioned.

31. An Act to provide for the removal of the seat of government of the state of Pennsylvania.

32. An Act to provide for the reimbursing the expences of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, in removing his prisoners from the debtor's apartment to the county of Montgomery, during the prevalence of the late contagious fever.

33. An Act for perpetuating the penal laws of this State.

34. An Act to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

35. An Act to authorise the removal of the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes.

36. An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander, and the survivor of them, trustees of an estate held for the use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamne his wife, and their joint heirs, with the remainders over, to sell and convey the said estate, or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses, but in other property more beneficial and productive, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

37. An Act for raising, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of compleating the building of the Roman Catholic church of St. Augustin, in the city of Philadelphia.

38. An Act to erect the town of Lebanon, in the county of Dauphin, into a borough.

39. An Act for incorporating the trustees of the ministers and elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in the United States of America.

40. An Act to authorise the commissioners of Montgomery county, and their successors in office, to raise money, by toll, for compleating a bridge over the Perkiomen creek, on the road leading from Philadelphia to Reading.

41. An Act to incorporate the town of West-Chester, in the county of Chester, into a borough.

42. An Act offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships, in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

43. An Act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

44. An Act for altering and erecting certain election districts within this commonwealth.

45. An Act providing for the distribution of the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth.

46. An Act for regulating the fees in the office of the Surveyor-General of this commonwealth.

47. An Act to prevent the erection of fish-dams and baskets in the rivers Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the branches thereof.

48. An Act to provide for repairing the buildings appropriated for the employment of the criminals from the several counties of this state, in the city of Philadelphia.

49. An Act to provide for the payment of a small corps of militia, stationed at Greensburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

50. An Act to continue and amend the existing laws for the regulation of the port and harbour of Philadelphia.

51. An Act for the relief of the Chambersburgh academy.

52. An Act declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, a public highway.

53. An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman, executrix to Lawrence Allman, deceased.

54. An Act to erect and alter certain election districts within this commonwealth.

55. An Act to authorise the laying out and opening a road from the town of Newbury, in the county of Lycoming, to the one hundred and nine mile stone, in the line dividing this state from the state of New-York.

56. An Act to repeal part of an act, entitled "An Act for regulating, "pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and "for regulating, making and amending the water courses and common "sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia, "for raising of money to defray the expences thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

57. An Act for incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, in West-Calm, in the county of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

58. An Act for establishing an Health-office, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.

59. An Act to erect certain election districts in the counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.

60. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the county of Delaware to raise money, by toll, for the repair and maintenance of the bridges on the public state road of said county.

61. An Act to provide for opening a road from near the Bald-Eagle's Nest, in Mifflin county, to Le Bœuf, in the county of Allegheny.

62. An Act for the relief of George Walton.

63. An Act for the reimbursement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver-General of the Land-office.

64. An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and commission an Auctioneer, for the express and sole purpose of selling horses, cattle and carriages, within the city of Philadelphia.

65. An

65. An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones, deceased.

66. An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.

67. An Act vesting certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.

68. An Act to declare Fishing creek and one of its branches, in the county of Northumberland, public highways.

69. An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies.

70. An Act empowering certain trustees, therein named, to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount-Bethel townships, in the county of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned.

71. An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a road over the Penn's-Valley Mountains, in the county of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State road from Turtle creek to Pittsburgh.

72. An Act to continue, for an additional period, "An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

73. An Act concerning writs of partition.

74. An Act to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint Commissioners, to ascertain the best route for, and mode of effecting, a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake bay, and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna down to the Maryland line.

75. An Act to extend, for a limited time, an act, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes."

76. An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot, junior.

77. An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; to suspend, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade-Inspectors; to make certain appropriations; and for other purposes.

78. An Act to supply certain defects in the acts incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and sundry towns and boroughs within this commonwealth, and to explain and amend an act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth incorporating the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes."

79. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands, and to regulate the mode for authenticating claims thereto.

80. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of apprentices."

81. An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estates within this commonwealth.

82. A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh."

83. An

83. An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of land adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

84. An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman.

A Resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of Pennsylvania and the United States.

A Resolution for the distribution of a certain number of copies of the act, entitled " An Act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth."

The House then rose.

JOSEPH BULLOCK,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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## Receipts and Expenditures

IN THE

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OF

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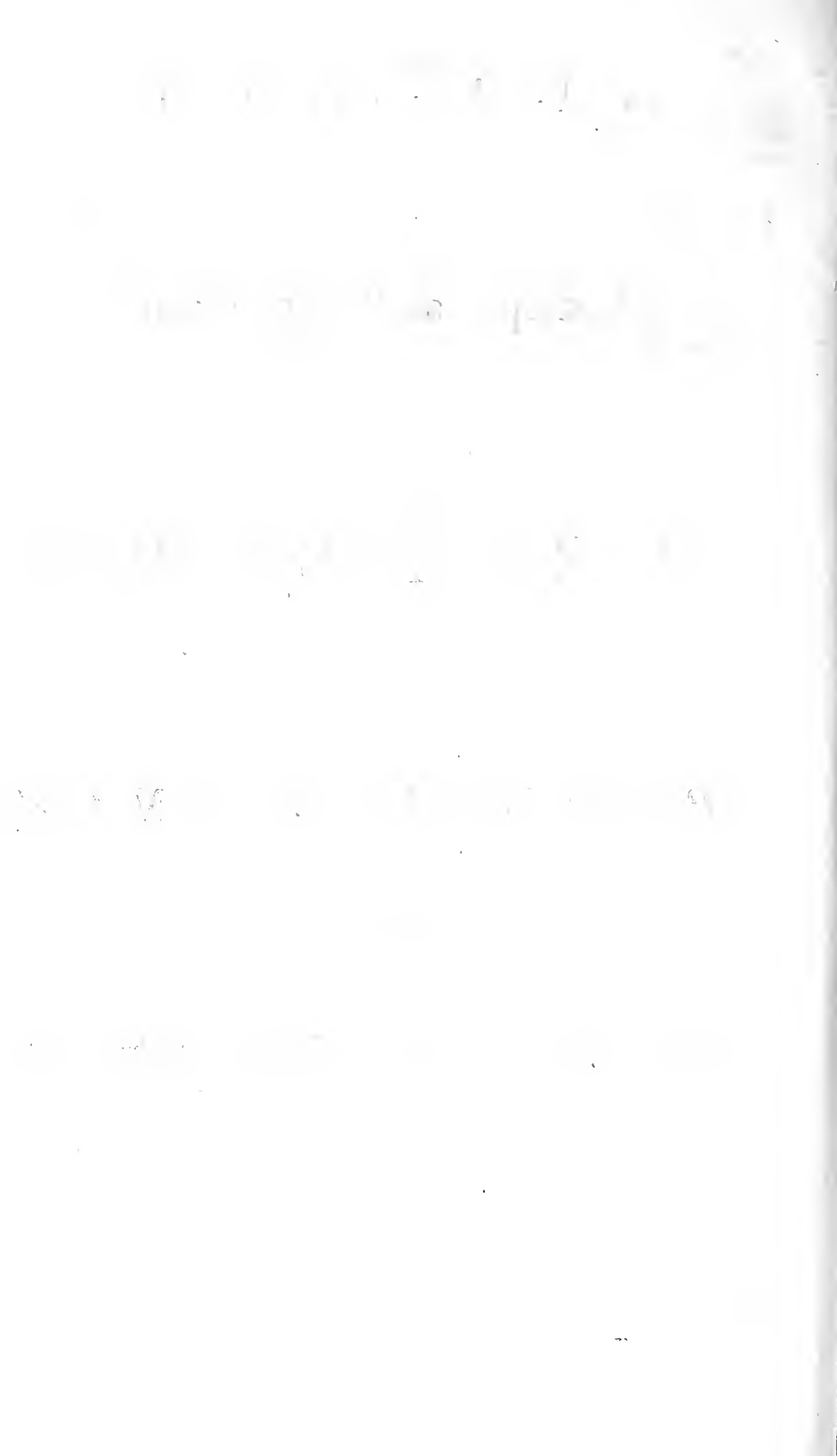
First of January to the thirty-first of December, 1798,  
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1799.





*To the honorable the SPEAKER and MEMBERS of the House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of PENNSYLVANIA.*

GENTLEMEN,

**I**N pursuance of the tenth section of the Act of April 4th, 1792, I have the honor to lay before the Legislature my annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Treasury for the year 1798, stated as directed by the tenth section of the “ Act making appropriations, and to en-  
“ join certain duties on the Comptroller-General, Register-General, and  
“ State-Treasurer, as well as for other purposes therein mentioned, passed the fifth day of April, 1797.

I beg leave to renew the application to your honorable House, which I made in the last session, for the appointment of a committee, to count and destroy the emissions of paper money, and also certain depreciation certificates received from the commissioners of forfeited estates, now in the Treasury, and which are specified in the accounts No. 2, 3, and 4, of my general statement.

The amount of the continental bills of credit, and of those emitted by some of our sister states, which were delivered to the Comptroller-General by the Executrix of the late Treasurer, hath not yet been ascertained, owing to the calamity which recently afflicted our city.

With the most grateful sentiments of respect and esteem.

*I have the honor to be*

*Gentlemen,*

*Your most obedient and humble servant,*

PETER BAYNTON.

TREASURY-OFFICE,

*January 14, 1799.*



DR. { RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES in the TREASURY of PENNSYLVANIA, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1798, both days inclusive. CR.

1798. Jan. 1st.	Dolls. Cr.	Dolls. Cts.	No.	Description	Dolls. Cts.
1798. Jan. 1st.	68059 11			Paid Jasper Yeates, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, thirty-seven days expenses on Circuit Courts	148 0
3d.	1537 74		1	Paid Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the commonwealth, due the 31st December last	333 33
5th.	122 36		2	Paid Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	500 0
8th.	710 0		3	Paid John D. Coxse, President of the first district of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	500 0
10th.	784 33		4	Paid Thomas McKean, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	666 66
11th.	240 43		5	Paid Samuel Bryan, Register-General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	333 33
15th.	4747 30		6	Paid John Donnalison, Comptroller-General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	533 33
16th.	400 0		7	Paid Thomas Smith, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	500 0
17th.	210 54		8	Paid Jasper Yeates, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	500 0
18th.	40 63		9	Paid Samuel Clendinin, Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	125 0
19th.	784 70		10	Paid Robert McEllwee, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	125 0
20th.	595 0		11	Paid John McKiffick, Clerk in the Receiver-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	250 0
21st.	2288 0		12	Paid Thomas Masters, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	125 0
22d.	107 78		13	Carried forward	5639 65
23d.	105 0				
24th.	40000 0				
25th.	280 0				
26th.					
27th.					
28th.					
29th.					
30th.					
31st.					

# Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

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Dolls. Cts.

1798.  
Jan. 24th. Received of John Hubley, Prothonotary of Lancaster county, on account of marriage licences 45 0  
On account of court fines - - - 2 -  
Brought forward - - - - -  
26th. Received of Footman & Co. Auctioneers, on account of auction duties - - - - -  
Received of Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, on account of office fees - - - - -  
29th. Received of Peter Benfon, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties - - - - -  
Received of Edward Pole, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties - - - - -  
Received of Clement Biddle, on account of sales of lots in the towns of Erie, Warren, Waterford and Franklin, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the 18th day of April, 1795 - - - - -  
30th. Received of William Shannon, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties - - - - -  
31st. Received on account of the Loan-office of £. 50000.  
Principal 52 72  
Interest 20 80

Carried forward

Dollars 127745 41

1798.  
Jan. 3d.

Paid Anthony Simmons, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid Isaac Bernard, Clerk in the Register-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid John Lewis William Franks, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid Venev Dunlap three years pension, due the 21st June, 1797 - - - - -  
Paid George Johnston, Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid George Bryan, Clerk in the Register-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid Francis Wright, Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid William Wilson, one of the Associate Judges of Northumberland county, six months salary, due the 1st October, 1797 - - - - -  
Paid John McPherson, one of the Associate Judges of Northumberland county, six months salary, due the 1st October, 1797 - - - - -  
Paid Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor-General of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid William Parker, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid Henry Kean, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last - - - - -  
Paid William Dunton three month's pension, due the 1st instant, per act of the 17th April, 1795 - - - - -

Carried forward

Dollars 7483 64

No. Dollars. Cts.

14 115 0  
15 104 66  
16 110 0  
17 120 0  
18 175 0  
19 225 0  
20 125 0  
21 70 0  
22 70 0  
23 333 33  
24 275 0  
25 100 0  
26 21 0

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# Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

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Dolls. Crs.	No.	Doll. Cr.
Brought forward		7483 64
1798. Jan. 4th.		
Paid James Roberts and others one month's wages for watching at the State-house, &c. due the 1st instant	27	49 0
Paid John Oliver, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, three quarters' salary, due the 1st instant	28	105 0
Paid John Miller, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	29	100 0
Paid J. B. Many, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	30	100 0
Paid Stephen Sykes, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	31	150 0
Paid Nathan Lufborough, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	32	275 0
Paid Robert Haydock & Co. for painting and glazing done at the State-house, due in December last	33	42 15
Paid John Badolet, an Associate Judge of Greene county, six months' salary, due the 1st instant	34	70 0
Paid James Riiddle, President of the Fourth District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	35	400 0
Paid Samuel Wallis, an Associate Judge of Lycoming county, three quarters' salary, due the 1st instant	36	105 0
Paid James Fumble, Deputy Secretary of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	37	300 0
Paid Peter Paynton, Treasurer of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	38	333 33
Paid Mathew Watton, Clerk in the Register General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	39	125 0
Paid Nicholas Lutz, an Associate Judge of Berks county, six months salary, due the 1st instant	40	70 0
5th. Paid Mary Wert one month's pension, due the 1st instant	41	13 33
Carried forward		Dollars 9721 45

Carried forward - Dollars 127745 41

*Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.*

No.		Dolls. Cts.
	Brought forward	9721 45
Jan. 5th.	Paid Edward Shippen, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	500 0
	Paid William January, Clerk in the Receiver-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	75 0
6th.	Paid Benjamin Rittenhouse, an Associate Judge of Montgomery county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	35 0
	Paid Jared Ingerfull, Attorney-General of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	166 66
	Paid Sarah Martin one month's pension, due the 4th instant	13 83
	Paid Jacob Ruff, President of the Third District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	400 0
	Paid Samuel Laird, one of the Associate Judges of Cumberland county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th June, 1797	35 0
	Paid ditto, six months salary, due the 1st instant	70 0
	Paid John Montgomery, an Associate Judge of Cumberland County, one year's salary, due the 1st instant	140 0
	Paid Ephraim Morton, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	100 0
	Paid Joseph Fry, for his services in taking care of the State-house and yard, from 1st October to 31st December, 1797	61 33
	Paid Isaac Meafon and John Gibson, in full of their contract for clearing the river Youghiogeny	533 33
8th.	Paid John Mulhaddon, an Associate Judge of Northampton county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	35 0
	Carried forward	11886 66

*Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.*

	Dolls. Cts.
Brought forward -	127745 41
1798. Jan. 8th. Paid James Boyd, an Associate Judge of Chester county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Benjamin Jacobs, an Associate Judge of Chester county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Henry Orth, for removing John Hill from the gaol of Dauphin county to the gaol of Philadelphia	
Paid Walter Finney, an Associate Judge of Chester county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Bernard Hubley, Brigade-Inspector of Northumberland county, one year's salary, due the 11th April, 1797	
Paid Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	
Paid Nathaniel Brading, an Associate Judge of Fayette county, three quarters salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Samuel Jackson, in full of his contract for clearing the river Monongahela, from its mouth to the Virginia line	
Paid John Barclay, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st October, 1797	
Paid ditto one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Alexander J. Dallas, on account of contingent expenses in his office	
Paid Alexander Wilfon, Clerk in the Treasurer's office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	
9th. Paid John Heaton, Clerk in the Receiver-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	
Paid John Flenmiken, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid Henry Wykeop, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant	
Paid John Hall, Secretary of the Land office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last	
Carried forward -	Dollars 12774 541

*Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.*

No.	Dolls. Cts.
71	50 0
72	12 0
73	35 0
74	35 0
75	13 0
76	97 59
77	140 0
78	140 0
79	180 57
80	186 68
81	140 0
82	400 0
83	70 0
84	612 58



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Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

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Dolls. Cts.	No.	Dolls. Cts.	Cr.
Brought forward - 127745 41			
1798. Jan. 12th. Paid John Caldwell, for making returns of absentees, drums and fife, for his company of the eighth battalion of York county militia, from 1784 to 1792 76 0	85		
15th. Paid Samuel Cochran, for advertising muster-days, making returns of male white inhabitants and absentees, in the years 1786, 87, 88, 89 and 90, in Dauphin county 33 33	86		
Paid Thomas Dobson, for stationary for the Treasury office, from the 13th January, 1797, to the 31st December last 58 99	87		
16th. Paid Edward Shippen his expenses on the Circuit Courts at York, Lancaster, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties, for 32 days 128 0	88		
Paid Reynold Keen, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last 50 0	89		
Paid Jonathan Williams, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last 50 0	90		
17th. Paid Catherine Filson nine months pension, due the 1st instant 147 50	91		
Paid Nathaniel Falconer one quarter's salary, as Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, and also for clerk hire, office-rent and incidental expenses of the Warden's-office, due the 13th instant 411 68	92		
Paid Lewis Nicholas, Brigade-Inspector of the city of Philadelphia, six months salary, due the 11th instant 100 0	93		
Paid Thomas Dobson, for stationary supplied the Comptroller-General's office from January to the 31st December last 114 25	94		
18th. Paid Alexander Addison, President of the fifth district of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 31st December last 400 0	95		
Carried forward - 127745 41			
		Carried forward -	Dollars 19:29 43

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Dolls. Cts.	No.	CR.
Brought forward -		
127745 41		
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1798.		
Jan. 18th. Paid Andrew Brown, for advertising for propofals to contract for importing and manufacturing arms for the use of the commonwealth -		
Paid Francis Murray, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, six months salary, due the 1st instant -	96	4 67
22d. Paid David Stewart, an Associate Judge of Huntingdon county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant -	97	70 0
Paid John Piper, an Associate Judge of Bedford county, six months salary, due the 1st instant -	98	140 0
23d. Paid George Wallace, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, eleven months and four days salary, due the 4th December last -	99	70 0
24th. Paid John Carlon, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant -	100	129 88
Paid William Henry, an Associate Judge of Northampton county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant -	101	35 0
Paid Robert Trail, an Associate Judge of Northampton county, one year's salary, due the 1st instant -	102	140 0
Paid Jacob Shoemaker, for his attendance as a Member of the House of Representatives in the present session -	103	140 0
25th. Paid John Burrows, Edward T. Rorke, William Edwards, and John Muncraw, for their attendance at the bar of the House of Representatives, as witnesses touching the conduct of Henry Shoemaker, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace of Lycoming county -	104	178 0
29th. Paid James Findley, an Associate Judge of Fayette county, six months salary, due the 1st instant -	105	48 0
30th. Paid James Allison, an Associate Judge of Washington county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant -	106	70 0
Paid one State Debt warrant, in favour of John Whiteman, No. 1. Principal -	107	35 0
Interest -		
Dolls. 4 0		
1 70		
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Dollars 127745 41		
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Dollars 20195 68		
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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

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	Dolls. Cts.		No.	Dolls. Cts.
Brought forward	127745 41	1798.		
Feb. 1st. Received of Alexander Ruffel, Brigade-Inspector of York county, on account of militia fines		Jan. 30th. Paid Thomas Leiper, as executor of Sarah Caldwell's estate, nine months interest on her stock held in trust		20195 68
Received of John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, on account of tavern licences	400 0	Paid Charles West six months interest on his stock held in trust		233 4
2d. Received of John Baird, of Westmoreland county, interest on funded debt certificates received with paid certificates, and which was not applied for by the parties entitled thereto	240 0	Feb. 1st. Paid the estate of Isaac Howell, late an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, two months and eighteen days salary, due the 18th of December last	108	43 32
7th. Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution	4991 10	Paid David Acheson, for his attendance as a Member of the Legislature, in the present session	109	181 0
And on account of lands situate in the late purchase	8 90	2d. Paid Jesse Fell, Brigade-Inspector of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 11th of January last	110	50 0
8th. Received of Ephraim Douglass, Treasurer of Fayette county, on account of tavern licences		Paid William Smith, James Harris, and Richard Smith, a balance due to them upon their contract for clearing the river Juniata	111	66 67
10th. Received of Joseph Torrence, Brigade-Inspector of Fayette county, on account of militia fines	5000 0	Paid James Guvin, for great coats for the three watchmen employed in taking care of the State house and public offices	112	59 29
14th. Received of Daniel Melfersmith, Treasurer of Berks county, on account of tavern licences	459 80	Paid John Minor, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of January last	113	35 0
17th. Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution	171 97	Paid John Hutton, Brigade-Inspector of Washington county, fifteen months salary, due the 11th of January last	114	250 0
19th. Received of Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, on account of fees received in his office	1036 64	3d. Paid Mary Wert one month's pension, due the 1st infant	115	13 33
28th. Received on account of the Loan-office of £. 50000	218 56	Paid James Wells, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, six months salary, due the 1st of January last	116	70 0
Principal	66 66	Paid John Wells, Brigade-Inspector of Somerset county, his salary, from the 17th of April, 1796, to the 11th of January last	117	347 22
Interest	25 9	Paid Alexander Ruffel, Brigade-Inspector of York county, two years and three months salary, due the 11th of January last	118	450 0
Carried forward	135669 86			
		Carried forward		Dollars 21998 35

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Brought forward - - - - -  
Dolls. Cts.  
135669 86

1798.  
Feb. 5th. Paid Richard Riley, an Associate Judge of Delaware  
county, one year's salary, due the 1st of January  
last - - - - -  
Paid James Moore, an Associate Judge of Chester  
county, nine months salary, due the 1st of January  
last - - - - -  
6th. Paid James Roberts and others, for watching at the  
State-house and public offices, one month's wages,  
due the 31st of January last - - - - -  
Paid Anne McNeal one quarter's pension, due the 1st  
infant - - - - -  
8th. Paid John White, for riding express to Washington  
county, on the business of the House of Represen-  
tatives - - - - -  
9th. Paid Sarah Martin one month's pension, due the 4th  
infant - - - - -  
10th. Paid Benjamin Elliott, an Associate Judge of Hun-  
tingdon county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of  
July, 1794 - - - - -  
Paid ditto three quarters' salary, due the 1st of Janua-  
ry last - - - - -  
Paid Robert Galbraith, an Associate Judge of Hun-  
tingdon county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st  
of March, 1796 - - - - -  
Paid ditto one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June,  
1796 - - - - -  
Paid ditto six months salary, due the 1st of January  
last - - - - -  
Paid Francis and Robert Bailey, for printing one ream  
of blank certificates for the Comptroller-General's  
office - - - - -  
Paid Joseph Torrence, Brigade-Inspector of Fayette  
county, two years salary, due the 1st of January  
last - - - - -

Carried forward - - - - -  
Dollars 135669 86

No. Cr.  
Dolls. Cts.  
21998 35  
119 140 0  
120 105 0  
121 49 0  
122 45 0  
123 120 0  
124 13 83  
125 35 0  
126 105 0  
127 35 0  
128 35 0  
129 70 0  
130 20 0  
131 400 0  
Dollars 23171 18

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

	Dolls. Cts.		No.	CR.
Brought forward	135669 86			
1798.		Brought forward		
Feb. 13th. Paid Eve Withington two quarters pension, due the 16th of January last, per decree of the Orphans' Court			132	Dolls. Cts. 23171 18
14th. Paid John Whitehill, an Associate Judge of Lancaster county, nine months salary, due the 1st of January last			133	120 0
Paid Nathan Dennison, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of January last			134	105 0
15th. Paid Jesse Fell, Brigade-Inspector of Luzerne county, his salary, from the 11th of January last to the 5th instant			135	35 0
Paid Benjamin Brannan, an Associate Judge of Delaware county, six months salary, due the 1st of January last			136	13 88
16th. Paid Elizabeth Baxter one quarter's pension, due the 4th instant			137	70 0
Paid the estate of Thomas Smith, for making boxes for packing the laws sent to the different counties in 1795			138	112 50
Paid William Kook and George Raufsch, in full of their contract for clearing the river Schuylkill and its branches, above Reading			139	45 10
21st. Paid John Donaldson, for sundry disbursements from the 20th April 1794 to the 20th February 1798, in the Comptroller-General's office			140	800 0
22d. Paid Samuel Bryan, for contingent expenses in the Register General's office			141	234 36
23d. Paid John Adlum, an Associate Judge of Lycoming county, his salary, from the 1st of January 1797 to the 16th of February 1798			142	12 78
24th. Paid Isaac Bernard, Clerk in the Register General's office, one month and seventeen days salary, due the 17th instant			143	157 88
Paid Ebenezer Griffith, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, six months salary, due the 1st of January last			144	54 66
				70 0
Carried forward	Dollars 135669 86	Carried forward	Dollars 25002 34	

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

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		Dolls. Cts.							
Brought forward		-	135669 86						
1798.									
Feb. 26th.				Paid Hugh Davidson, an Associate Judge of Huntingdon county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of April 1797		145		35 0	
				Paid ditto one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June 1797		146		35 0	
				Paid ditto six months salary, due the 1st of January last		147		70 0	
27th.				Paid William Robinson, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of December last		148		50 0	
				Paid William Elliott, in full of his contract for improving the Raystown branch of Juniata river, and Dunning's creek		149		1600 0	
28th.				Paid Thomas Strawbridge, an Associate Judge of Northumberland county, three quarters' salary		150		165 0	
				Paid Charles Campbell and John Devaulton, on account of their contract for clearing three divisions of the Conemaugh and Kiskiminetas rivers		151		933 33	
				Paid Jacob Wiler the balance upon his contract, for opening and improving a road from Carlisle into Shearman's Valley &c.		152		150 0	
				Paid Michael Billmeyer, Printer to the Senate, on account		153		600 0	
				Paid seven State Debt warrants, viz.					
				David Actleton		No. 2.		- 19 57	
				Alexander Raffell		3.		- 108 78	
				Thomas Campbell		4.		- 22 13	
				John Duncan		5.		- 37 38	
				Thomas Bidwell		6.		- 213 59	
				Presley Carr Lane		7.		- 21 23	
				Nathan Beach		8.		- 22 64	
				Paid one unfunded State Debt warrant, in favour of Nicholas Miller, No. 1.					
				Principal				- 1 3	
				Interest				- 0 85	
								445 92	

# Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

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	Dolls. Cts.		No.	Dolls. Cts.
1798. March 3d. Received of Robert Miller, Treasurer of Cumberland county, on account of arrears of taxes -	135 66 9	Brought forward -		
5th. Received of John Baker, Treasurer of Philadelphia county, on account of arrears of taxes -	340 0	1798. March 1st. Paid Michael Billmeyer, Printer to the Senate, on account -	154	500 0
7th. Received of Francis Johnston, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution -	576 70	3d. Paid Charles Campbell, Brigade-Inspector of Westmoreland county, one year's salary, due the 11th of January last -	155	200 0
8th. Received of Peter Frailey, late Sheriff of Berks county, due from the estate of Daniel Levan, late Treasurer of said county, on account of arrears of taxes -	1134 66	Paid Henry Frailey for drums, fises and belts, furnished to the Brigade-Inspector of Berks county -	156	236 33
9th. Received of Francis Johnston, on account of monies received by him for town and out-lots in Beaver-town, on the Ohio river -	497 97	Paid ditto for drums, fises, belts and standards, furnished to the Brigade-Inspector of Northampton county -	157	334 33
On account of monies for city lots -	163 82	Paid ditto for ditto, furnished to the Brigade-Inspector of Montgomery county -	158	110 33
On account of ditto for lands situate in the late purchase -	1426 0	Paid ditto for ditto, furnished to the Brigade-Inspector of Lancaster county -	159	188 86
Received of John Patton, late Auctioneer, on account of auction duties -	41 33	Paid Mary Wert one month's pension, due the 1st instant -	160	13 33
Received of Moses Hobson, Treasurer of Montgomery county, on account of tavern licences -	1631 15	Paid George Buchanan, guardian of Mary Skelly, three years nine months and four days pension, per decree of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, of the 9th August, 1797 -	161	150 44
Received of Francis Johnston, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution -	49 0	Paid John Cadwallader, Brigade-Inspector of Huntingdon county, six months salary, due the 11th of January last -	162	100 0
Received of David Reddick, Treasurer of Washington county, on account of tavern licences -	400 0	Paid Catherine Alexander three months pension, due the 26th of February last -	163	19 20
Received of Benjamin Elliott, Treasurer of Huntingdon county, on account of tavern licences -	1000 0	5th. Paid Rufanna Campbell her pension, per decree of the Orphans' Court of Washington county, dated the 9th of October 1797 -	164	40 0
Received of Francis Johnston, on account of monies received by him for barrack lots -	434 72	Paid Charles Culnan and others, one month's services in watching the State-house and offices, due the 1st instant -	165	49 0
Received on account of the Loan office of £. 50000 -	83 0	Paid John Kean, his wages and mileage, as a Senator of this commonwealth -	166	12 0
Principal -	510 0	Paid George Wilson, his wages and mileage, as a Senator of this commonwealth -	167	20 40
Interest -	333 33			
	201 97			
Carried forward -	535 30			
	14374 2			

Dollars

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Brought forward	Dolls. Cts.		No.	Dolls. Cts.	CR.
	143734 2				
		1798.			
		March 5th. Paid Samuel Postlethwaite, his wages and mileage, as a Senator of this commonwealth			
		7th. Paid Sarah Martin one month's pension, due the 4th instant	168	14 20	
		Paid the estate of George Woods, deceased, late an Associate Judge of Bedford county, one year and three days salary, due the 3d of October 1796	169	13 83	
		Paid Israel Israel, his wages, as a Senator of this commonwealth	170	141 16	
		Paid John Kline one quarter's pension, as a disabled soldier, per act of April the 17th 1795, due the 1st of January 1798	171	195 0	
		Paid Samuel Bryfon one quarter's salary, as an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, due the 1st of January last	172	10 0	
		Paid James Martin, Sergeant at-Arms to the House of Representatives, to discharge the accounts of the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, employed to serve process upon Henry Shoemaker and the witnesses attending his trial, on the part of the commonwealth	173	35 0	
		10th. Paid Hugh White, his mileage, as a Member of the House of Representatives at the late adjourned session	174	274 0	
		Paid Thomas Grant, his mileage, as a Member of ditto	175	42 0	
		12th. Paid Albright & Lahn for printing the Journal of the late House of Representatives, in the German language	176	32 0	
		14th. Paid James Stevenfon, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Representatives, for summoning witnesses to give evidence touching the conduct of Henry Shoemaker, Esquire	177	899 0	
		Paid John Culbertfon, Brigade-Inspector of Mifflin county, one quarter's salary, due the 28th of February last	178	20 0	
			179	50 0	
Carried forward	Dollars 143734 2	Carried forward		Dollars 32728 88	



## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

		Dolls. Cts.				Dolls. Cts.	
Brought forward		143734 2		Brought forward		32728 88	
						105 0	
						102 45	
						102 45	
						35 0	
						1380 0	
						9 0	
						53 33	
						31 40	
						18 80	
						18 80	
						14 0	
						10 60	
Carried forward		143734 2		Carried forward		34609 71	

*Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.*

Dolls. Cts.		Dolls. Cts.	
Brought forward	143734 3	No.	Dolls. Cts.
1798.			
March 28th.			
Brought forward			
Paid Jasper Yeates for twenty-four days attendance in the Supreme Court at Philadelphia, in the year 1797			
29th.		192	96 0
Paid Henry Orth for removing four convicts from the gaol of Dauphin county to the gaol of Philadelphia			
		193	187 52
Paid Alexander McDowell for surveying certain tracts of land granted to Complanter, a Seneca Chief, per act of 27th February 1798			
30th.		194	357 15
Paid Catherine Thompson nine months pension, due the 3d instant, per decree, dated the 5th of June 1797			
		195	562 50
Paid John Donnaldfon for two cords of hickory wood, hawling, fawing, &c. for the use of the Comptroller-General's office			
		196	19 9
Paid Margaret Fullerton one quarter's pension, due the 3d instant			
		197	21 60
31st.			
Paid Elizabeth Parry six months pension, due the 29th January last, per decree of the Orphans' Court, dated the 16th instant			
		198	120 0
Paid James Maxwell, an Associate Judge of Franklin county, one year's salary, due the 1st of January last			
		199	140 0
Paid four State Debt Warrants, viz.			
John Cadwallader	No. 9.	37 38	
Thomas Campbell	10.	8 90	
Robert Filson	11.	28 98	
William McPherson	12.	19 57	
Paid Grizzel Robinfon one year's annuity, due to her in May 1797, per act of 19th April 1794			
			94 83
Paid to account of bills of credit of the emission of 1781, received as specie since the 1st of January last			
			23 51
Paid to account of bills of credit of the emission of 1785, received as specie since the 1st of January last			
			251 87
			766 30
Carried forward		Dollars 37250 8	

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

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1798. April 4th.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	No.	Dolls. Cts.
Brought forward	-	-	-	-
Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution	1437 34	2	-	37250 8
Received of the Bank of the United States, one quarter's interest on stock	3000	0	200	35 0
Received of Edward Fox, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties	1445	91	201	76 50
Received of John Connelly, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties	63	2	202	400 0
Received of John Wilkins, junior, Treasurer of Allegheny county, on account of tavern licences	785	11	203	100 0
Received of ditto, on account of tavern licences	280	0	204	100 0
Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General, on account of office fees	576	40	205	21 0
Received of Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, on account of office fees	789	25	206	110 0
Received of Lord Butler, Treasurer of Luzerne county, on account of tavern licences	19	73	207	125 0
Received of Adam Boyd, Treasurer of Dauphin county, on account of tavern licences	35	0	208	50 0
Received of Robert Miller, Treasurer of Cumberland county, on account of tavern licences	120	0	209	149 99
On account of court fines	455	82	210	49 0
Received of ditto, on account of unfated lands	342	48	211	487 74
On account of arrears of taxes	160	0	-	-
Received of Thomas Hiltzheimer, late Auctioneer, on account of auction duties	502	48	-	-
Received of ditto, on account of ditto	583	63	-	-
Received of Peter Benson, Auctioneer, on account of ditto	43	77	-	-
Received of Richard Footman & Co. Auctioneers, on account of ditto	98	11	-	-
	544	38	-	-
Carried forward	153230	63	-	38954 31

# Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

CR.

	Dolls. Cts.	No.	Dolls. Cts.
<i>April 30th.</i> Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution	153230 63		38954 31
Received of William Shannon, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties	1500 0	212	125
Received of Edward Pole, Auctioneer, on account of ditto	810 53	213	250 0
Received on account of the Loan-office of £.50000	293 68	214	200 0
Principal	94 27	215	533 33
Interest	60 2	216	333 33
	154 29	217	175 0
		218	125 0
		219	333 33
		220	133 33
		221	333 33
		222	333 33
		223	35 0
		224	35 0
		225	200 0
Carried forward	Dollars 155989 13	Carried forward	Dollars 42099 29

1798.

*April 3d.* Paid Francis Wright, Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last - Brought forward  
 Paid John McKiffick, Clerk in the office of the Receiver-General of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid John Heaton, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid John Donaldson, Comptroller-General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid Samuel Bryan, Register-General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid George Johnston, Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid Matthew Watfon, Clerk in the Register-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid Peter Baynton, Treasurer, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid Alexander Wilson, Clerk in the Treasurer's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid William Alexander, Agent of Information in the improvement of roads and clearing rivers, due the 1st instant -  
 Paid John Minor, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid John Fleniken, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last -  
 Paid James G. Heron, Dunning McNair and David Meade, in full of their contract for opening the road from Pittsburgh to Le Boeuf -

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

	Dolls. Cts.		No.	Cr.
Brought forward	155989 13			
1798. April 4th. Brought forward				
Paid Edward Shippen, an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			226	500 0
Paid William McClellen, for removing several prisoners from York county gaol to Philadelphia gaol			227	96 54
Paid Thomas McKean, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			228	666 66
Paid Mary Wirt one month's pension, due the 1st instant			229	13 33
Paid William Parker, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			230	275 0
Paid George Bryan, Clerk in the Register-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			231	225 0
Paid Alexander Wilson, Clerk in the Loan-office of 1785, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			232	133 33
Paid Peter Baynton one quarter's rent of the Treasury office, due the 1st instant			233	50 0
5th. Paid Jonathan Williams, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			234	50 0
Paid Isaac Meason, an Associate Judge of Fayette county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			235	35 0
Paid Margaret Miller one quarter's pension, due the 11th March last, per decree of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia county			236	60 0
Paid John D. Cox, President of the First District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			237	500 0
Paid Thomas Masters, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last			238	125 0
Carried forward	Dollars 155989 13			
				44829 15

# Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.

Dr.	Dolls. Cts.	No.	Cr.
Brought forward	155989 13		
1798. April 5th.			
Brought forward			
Paid John Irwin, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland county, six months salary, due the 31st of March last		239	70 0
Paid Thomas Smith, an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		240	500 0
Paid Ebenezer Griffiths, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		241	35 0
Paid Abraham Cable, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, six months salary, due the 31st of March last		242	70 0
Paid Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		243	500 0
Paid Anthony Simmons, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		244	115 0
Paid John Miller, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		245	100 0
Paid Jared Ingersol, Attorney General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		246	166 66
Paid William Robinson, junior, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		247	50 0
Paid Thomas Miffin, Governor of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		248	1333 33
Paid George Thompson, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, one year's salary, due the 26th of November 1797		249	140 0
Paid John M-Dowell, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, one year's salary, due the 1st of January last		250	140 0
Paid Thomas Johnston, his wages and mileage as a Senator of this commonwealth		251	20 20
Paid Thomas Stokely, ditto ditto		252	67 0
Carried forward	Dollars 155989 13		Dollars 48136 34

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Doll. Cr.		Doll. Cr.		Doll. Cr.	
Brought forward	155989 13				
1798.					
April 5th.		Paid Samuel Ainsworth, for the mileage which he travelled in order to take his seat in the House of Representatives, in August 1797			
		Paid Jeremiah Brown, ditto	253	17 80	
		Paid Peter Frailey, ditto	254	8 0	
		Paid Roger Kirk, ditto	255	10 0	
		Paid James Lamberton, ditto	256	6 0	
		Paid William Lewis, ditto	257	20 0	
		Paid Ralph Stover, ditto	258	8 80	
		Paid Jacob Weirick, ditto	259	5 40	
		Paid the Members of the Legislature their pay and mileage, their officers, printers, attendants, &c. as follows, viz.	260	14 80	
S E N A T E.					
		Robert Hare, Speaker	261	484 0	
		Matthias Barton	262	376 20	
		ditto	263	3 0	
		John Brandon	264	420 60	
		ditto	265	3 0	
		Robert Brown	266	372 0	
		William Chapman	267	368 40	
		ditto	268	3 0	
		Samuel Dale	269	393 0	
		ditto	270	3 0	
		James Ewing	271	379 0	
		ditto	272	3 0	
		John Hamilton	273	421 0	
		Thomas Johnston	274	381 0	
		ditto	275	3 0	
		John Kean	276	374 40	
		Prefley Carr Lane	277	369 0	
		ditto	278	3 0	
		Christian Lower	279	374 80	
		Joseph McCellan	280	368 0	
		ditto	281	3 0	
Carried forward	155989 13	Carried forward		53332 54	

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Brought forward	Dolls. Cts.	1798. April 5th.		No.	Dolls. Cts.	Ck.
Brought forward	155989 13		John Miller	282	53332 54	
			ditto	283	376 20	
			Benjamin R. Morgan	284	3 0	
			ditto	285	114 0	
			Nathaniel Newlin	286	3 0	
			ditto	287	364 60	
			Samuel Pollethwaite	288	3 0	
			ditto	289	381 0	
			Zebulon Potts	290	3 0	
			ditto	291	366 0	
			Richard Smith	292	3 0	
			ditto	293	403 0	
			John Stewart	294	3 0	
			Dennis Whelen	295	374 80	
			ditto	296	309 60	
			Israël Whelen	297	3 0	
			ditto	298	363 0	
			George Wilfon	299	3 0	
			ditto	300	365 20	
			George Woods	301	3 0	
			ditto	302	331 0	
			Timothy Matlack, Clerk of the Senate, for his pay and allowance	303	3 0	
			Ditto, for extra services	304	984 0	
			Ditto, for one day's pay	305	578 0	
			Joseph Morrifon, Assistant Clerk, for his pay and allowance	306	4 0	
			Ditto, for extra services	307	834 0	
			Ditto, for one day's pay	308	350 0	
			Joshua Tyfon, for engrossing and transcribing bills	309	4 0	
			Thomas Dobfon for Stationary	310	89 50	
			James Alexander, Sergeant-at-Arms, his pay and allowance	311	289 43	
			Ditto, for extra services	312	392 0	
			Ditto, for one day's pay	313	189 0	
Carried forward	Dollars 155989 13				2 0	
			Carried forward		Dollars 60886 87	



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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

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Brought forward - Dollars. Cts. 1559 89 13

1798.

April 5th.

Jacob Moyer, Door-Keeper, for his pay and allowance, and for expences in sweeping chimnies - 314 393 70  
 Ditto, for extra services - 315 50 0  
 Ditto, for one day's pay - 316 2 0  
 Thomas Butcher, for extra services, as Assilant Door-Keeper - 317 50 0  
 Zachariah Poulson, for printing - 318 23 28 20  
 Benjamin F. Bache, for newspapers - 319 34 0  
 David C. and Septimus Claypoole, for ditto - 320 31 70  
 Andrew Brown, for ditto - 321 45 33  
 William Bradford, for ditto - 322 8 0  
 Joseph Gale, for ditto - 323 5 50  
 William Cobbett, for ditto - 324 25 53  
 Michael Billmeyer, on account of printing in the German language - 325 300 0  
 John Fenno, for newspapers - 326 25 60  
 Samuel H. Smith, for ditto - 327 7 49  
*H O U S E of R E P R E S E N T A T I V E S.*  
 George Latimer, Speaker - 328 488 0  
 David Kraufe and John Kean, for the attendance of Samuel Ainsworth, deceased - 329 340 0  
 Abalom Baird - 330 13 0  
 Joseph Ball - 331 366 0  
 Nathaniel B. Boileau - 332 351 20  
 Jacob Bonnet - 333 402 0  
 Benjamin Brooke - 334 368 80  
 Jeremiah Brown - 335 376 20  
 Thomas Bull - 336 374 20  
 Thomas Campbell - 337 387 60  
 Abraham Carpenter - 338 377 20  
 John Cunningham - 339 426 0  
 Cadwallader Evans - 340 370 0  
 Jacob Eyerly - 341 373 20  
 Manuel Eyre - 342 366 0  
 William Findley - 343 392 0  
 Theophilus Foulke - 344 373 20

Carried forward - Dollars 1559 89 13

Carried forward -

Dollars 70462 58





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Dolls. Cts.

1798.  
April 5th.

Paid John L. Leib, for drafting bills Brought forward  
Thomas Dobson, for stationary  
James Martin, Sergeant-at-Arms, his annual pay  
Ditto, his daily pay  
Ditto, extra services  
Joseph Fry, Door-keeper, his annual pay  
Ditto, his daily pay  
Ditto, extra services  
Francis & Robert Bailey, a balance due to them for printing  
Thomas Bradford, for printing bills  
Michael Billmeyer, a balance due to him for printing the Journal in the German language  
Benjamin F. Bachie, for newspapers  
D. & S. Claypoole, for ditto  
Andrew Brown, for ditto  
Thomas Bradford, for ditto  
John Ferno, for ditto  
William Cobbett, for ditto  
William Graham, for drafting bills  
Samuel H. Smith, for newspapers  
James Carey, for ditto  
Robert Hare, Speaker of the Senate, one day's pay  
Robert Cadwalader Evans, for surveying the barrack lots, in the county of Philadelphia, and returning a draft thereof to the Land-office  
Paid Nathan Luffborough, a Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last  
Paid Stephen Sykes, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last  
Paid John Gibbon, an Associate Judge of Allegheney county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last  
Paid John Moore, for surveying 5000 acres of land for the trustees of the Pittsburgh academy, in 13 surveys

Carried forward 155989 13

Dollars

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Dolls. Cts.

No.

97974 34  
77 0  
194 37  
150 0  
244 0  
200 0  
150 0  
244 0  
300 0  
1776 80  
1373 20  
1130 0  
90 18  
52 50  
64 66  
32 0  
60 0  
65 26  
10 0  
13 92  
6 12  
4 0  
55 50  
275 0  
150 0  
35 0  
85 33  
104813 18

Dollars

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No.	Dolls. Cts.	1798.	1799.
442	5000 0	104813 18	
443	333 33		
444	50 0		
445	10 0		
446	100 0		
447	35 0		
448	35 0		
449	13 83		
450	70 0		
451	60 0		
452	400 0		
453	95 0		
454	140 0		
Carried forward		111156 34	

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Brought forward  
Dolls. Cts.  
155989 13

1798.  
April 11th.

Brought forward  
of the 4th instant  
Paid Alexander J. Dallas, for drafting bills, per act

12th. Paid James Allison, an Associate Judge of Washing-  
ton county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of  
March last

13th. Paid Henry Taylor, an Associate Judge of Washing-  
ton county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of April  
1797

Paid ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June  
1797

Paid ditto, six months salary, due the 1st of January  
1798

Paid Robert Galbraith, an Associate Judge of Hun-  
tingdon county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st  
of March last

Paid Hugh Davidson, an Associate Judge of Hunting-  
don county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of  
March last

Paid Samuel Bryan, for sundry contingent expenses in  
the Register-General's office

Paid Abalom Baird, Brigade-Inspector of Washing-  
ton county, six months salary, due the 11th instant

Paid James Trimble, Deputy-Secretary of the com-  
monwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of  
March last

Paid Nathan Dennison, an Associate Judge of Luzerne  
county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March  
last

14th. Paid Robert Miller and William Rogers, for bringing  
from Chester county gaol 20 convicts, to Philadel-  
phia gaol, from 1794 to December 19th 1797

Paid Mark Wilcox, an Associate Judge of Delaware  
county, six month's salary, due the 31st of March  
last

Paid James Barr, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland  
county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June  
last

Carried forward

Dollars 155989 13

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No. Dolls. Cts.  
111156 34

455 61 0

456 35 0

457 35 0

458 35 0

459 70 0

460 35 0

461 13 52

462 100 0

463 300 0

464 35 0

465 148 0

466 70 0

467 35 0

468 112163 86

Carried forward

Dollars 112163 86

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CR.

Brought forward, Dollars. Cts.  
155,989 13

No. Dollars. Cts.  
112,163 86

1798.  
April 14th. Paid James Barr, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland county, six months salary, due the 31st. of March last, - - - - -  
Paid James Edgar, an Associate Judge of Washington county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. of July 1798, - - - - -  
Paid ditto, six months salary, due the 31st. of March last, - - - - -  
Paid John Baird, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland county, nine months salary, due the 31st. of March last, - - - - -  
Paid Jonathan Bayard Smith, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, his salary, due the 31st. of March last, - - - - -  
17th. Paid David C. and Septimus Claypoole, for newspapers furnished the Members of the late House of Representatives, per act of the 4th. April 1798, - - -  
Paid John Glen, a disabled soldier, per act of the 4th. infant, - - - - -  
Paid George Thompson, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, his salary, from 26th November 1797 to the 31st. of March last, - - -  
Paid Andrew Graff, an Associate Judge of Lancaster county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. infant, - -  
Paid Samuel Wallis, an Associate Judge of Lycoming county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. infant.  
Paid William January, Clerk in the Receiver General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 31st. of March last, - - - - -  
Paid Lewis Nicholas, Brigade Inspector of the city of Philadelphia, one quarter's salary, due the 11th. infant, - - - - -  
18th. Paid Josiah Harmar, Adjutant General of the militia, one year & nine months salary, due 11th. infant.  
Paid Hugh Lloyd, an Associate Judge of Delaware county, one year's salary, due the 1st. infant, - - -

Carried forward, Dollars 155,989 13

Carried forward, Dollars 114,943 74

# *Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.*

Dr.			Cr.
	<i>Dollars. Cts.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Dollars. Cts.</i>
Brought forward,	155,989 13	-	114,943 74
1798.			
<i>Apri.</i> 18th. Paid Samuel Laird, an Associate Judge of Cumberland county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st inst.		483	35 0
19th. Paid Nathaniel Falconer, Master Warden of the port of Philadelphia, his pay, clerk hire, rent, &c. to the 13th inst.		484	380 23
Paid Henry Wynkoop, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarters salary, due 31st of March last,		485	35 0
Paid John Mulholland, an associate Judge of Northampton county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st. of March last,		486	35 0
Paid William Cook, an Associate Judge of Northumberland county, nine months salary, due the 19th. of October 1796,		487	105 0
Paid ditto, two months and thirteen days salary, due the 1st. of January 1797,		488	28 38
Paid John McPherson, an Associate Judge of Northumberland county, six months salary, due the 1st. inst.		489	70 0
Paid William Wilson, an Associate Judge of Northumberland county, six months salary. due the 1st. inst.		490	70 0
21st. Paid Matthias Hutchinson, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 31st. of March 1797,		491	35 0
Paid ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 30th. of June 1797,		492	35 0
Paid ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 30th. of September, 1797,		493	35 0
Paid ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st. of of December, 1797,		494	35 0
Paid Ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 31st. of March last,		495	35 0
Paid John Carlon, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. inst.		496	35 0
23d. Paid John Barclay, an Associate Judge of Bucks county one quarters salary due 31st of March last		497	35 0
Carried forward,	<i>Dollars</i> 155,989 13		<i>Dollars</i> 115,947 36



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CR.

Brought forward, - Dollars. Cts.  
155,989 13

No. Dollars. Cts.  
- 115,947 36

1798. Brought forward,  
April 23d. Paid Thomas Beale, an Associate Judge of Mifflin  
county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. of

October, 1797, - 35 0

Paid ditto, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county,  
one quarter's salary, due the 1st. January, 1798, - 35 0

24th. Paid John Cloninger, an Associate Judge of Dau-  
phin county, one year's salary, due the 1st. inst. - 140 0

27th. Paid David C. & Ceptimus Claypoole, for thirty  
copies of the Daily Advertiser, containing the  
laws of the last session, - 275 63

Paid Benjamin Burd, Brigade Inspector of Bed-  
ford county, one year's salary, due the 1st. inst. - 200 0

Paid Alexander Addison, President of the Fifth  
District of the Court of Common Pleas, one  
quarter's salary, due the 31st. of March last, - 400 0

28th. Paid James Riddle, President of the Fourth Di-  
strict of the Court of Common Pleas, one quar-  
ter's salary, due the 31st. of March last, - 400 0

30th. Paid John Jordan, an Associate Judge of Chmber-  
land county, nine months salary, due the 1st. of  
October, 1797, - 105 0

Paid John Donnaldfon, Comptroller General, on  
account of interest and two per cent. drawn for  
him at the Bank of the United States, for the  
purpose of exchanging new loans, - 413 25

Paid one State Debt Warrant, in favor of Grif-  
fith Evans, No. XIII. Principal - 2 40  
Interest - 1 2

Paid three unfunded State Debt Warrants, viz.  
William Turnbull No. II. 9658 11  
Peter Baynton III. 300 0  
Ditto IV. 300 0

Paid John Thompson, two quarters interest on his  
stock held in trust, - 83 80

Carried forward - Dollars 128,296 57

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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

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1798. May 2d.	Received of Lord Butler, Treasurer of Luzerne county, on account of tavern licences,	Brought forward,	Dollars. Cts.	
4th.	Received of Anthony Nawgel, Treasurer of Bedford county, on account of tavern licences, - 6- 20 Loan office of 1793, - - - 24 77 Arrears of taxes for 1785 and 1786 - 80 3		155,989 13	
18th.	Received of Matthew Irwin, Master of the Rolls, on account of fees received in his office, for recording of patents, per act of April 26, 1795, - - -		38 52	
19th.	Received of John Christie, late Collector of Excise for Chester county, on account of arrears of excise -		251 0	
21st.	Received of John Herfter, Treasurer of Northampton county, on account of tavern licences, - 600 0 Loan-office of 1793, - - - 20 0		144 0	
26th.	Received of Isaac Chapman, Treasurer of Bucks county, on account of arrears of taxes - - - 594 97 Carriage tax, - - - - - 21 63 Tavern licences, - - - - - 216 35 Loan-office of 1793, - - - - - 133 30		630 0	
29th.	Received of Daniel Brodhead, on account of office fees,		1155 25	
			610 3	

Carried forward,

Dollars 158,990 81

1798. May 1st.	Paid Eve Withington, one quarter's pension, due the 16th. of April last.	Brought forward,	Dollars. Cts.	
2d.	Paid Obadiah Gore, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county nine months salary due the 1st of April last		128,296 57	
4th.	Paid Robert Lellur, an Associate Judge of Mont gomery county, one year's salary, due the 1st. of April last,		60 0	
5th.	Paid Mary Wert, one month's pension, due the 1st. instant,		105 0	
	Paid Charles Culnan and others, one month's wages, as watchmen at the State house and public offices, and for three gallons of oil,		140 0	
	Paid A. Hall, for publishing proposals for furnishing arms for the use of this commonwealth,		13 33	
7th.	Paid the trustees of the academy and free school established at Newtown, in Bucks county, per act of 16th. of March last, in part,		52 0	
8th.	Paid Ann McNeale, one quarter's pension, due the 1st. instant,		5 25	
	Paid Sarah Martin, one month's pension, due the 4th. instant,		1000 0	
10th.	Paid Samuel Brylou, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. of April last		45 0	
12th.	Paid John Oliver, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of April last,		13 83	
14th.	Paid Robert Coleman, an Associate Judge of Lancaster county, fifteen months salary, due the 1st. of April last,		35 0	
17th.	Paid Ad. Vander J. Dallas, on account of the contingent expenses of the executive department for the year 1798, per act of the fourth of April last,		35 0	
18th.	Paid John Harper, Brigade Inspector of Chester county, six months salary, due the 1st of April last		175 0	
			1200 0	
519			100 0	

Carried forward,

Dollars 131,275 98

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D.R.	<i>Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.</i>		No.	CR.	
1798,	Brought forward	Dolls. Cts.		Dolls. Cts.	
		158990 81		131275 98	
			May 19th. Paid Samuel Grier, Brigade Inspector of Lycoming county, one year's salary, due the 11th of April last	520	200 0
			Paid William Hepburn, an Associate Judge of Lycoming county, one year's salary, due the 1st of April last	521	140 0
			Paid Ruth Johnston, six months pension, due the 12th of April last	522	80 0
			Paid Mary Denny, one year's pension, due the 12th infant	523	160 0
			Paid Jane Kofeborough, one year's pension, due the 12th infant	524	273 0
			26th. Paid John Badollet, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of April last	525	35 0
			29th. Paid Sufanna Neal, her pension, from the 3d of October 1796 to the 9th of October 1797	526	30 0
			Paid Hannah Crawford, her pension, to the 26th of March 1798	527	120 0
			Paid Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor-General, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last	528	333 33
			30th. Paid Jesse Fell, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one month and twenty-seven days salary, due the 1st of April last	529	22 15
			31st. Paid Matthias Hollenback, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, six months salary, due the 1st of April last	530	70 0
			Paid one State Debt Warrant in favour of Thomas Bidwell, No. 14		37 8
			Paid Grizzel Robinson, one year's annuity per act April 19th 1794		23 51
June 1st.			Paid Henry Slagle, an Associate Judge of York county, one year's salary, due the 1st of April last	531	140 0
			Paid William Scott, an Associate Judge of York county, one year's salary, due the 1st of April last	532	140 0
			Paid Jacob Rudzell, an Associate Judge of York county, one year's salary, due the 1st of April last	533	140 0
			Carried forward		133220 5
					Dollars
					161113 46
					Dollars
					922 65
					422 65
					On account of tavern licences
					Received of Patrick Campbell, Treasurer of Franklin county,
					count of tavern licences
					Received of John Hay, Treasurer of York county, on ac-
					June 1st.

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	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>
1798. June 5th. Brought forward	1611 46		
Received of Henry Speering, Sheriff of Northampton county, on account of Court fines	45 73	534	140 0
6th. Received of James Bernard, late Sheriff of Delaware county, on account of court fines	11 33	535	2 50
8th. Received of John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, on account of tavern licences	566 64	536	52 0
Loan-office of 1793	98 53	537	26 66
9th. Received of Jacob Grever, Sheriff of Cumberland county, on account of court fines	150 0	538	19 20
Received of Ann Kennedy, Administratrix, and Francis Johnston, Administrator, of the estate of David Kennedy, late Secretary of the Land-office, on account of office fees	2700 0	539	13 33
Received of John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, on account of tavern licences	21 0	540	13 83
11th. Received of Isaac Chapman, Treasurer of Bucks county, on account of arrears of taxes for the year 1788	37 50	541	216 0
13th. Received of Benjamin Elliott, Treasurer of Huntingdon county, on account of the Loan-office of 1793	200 0	542	21 60
15th. Received of John Herlter, Treasurer of Northampton county, on account of tavern licences	155 90	543	21 0
Received of ditto, on account of ditto	74		
20th. Received of Benjamin Elliott, Treasurer of Huntingdon county, on account of tavern licences	70 38	544	400 0
21st. Received of John Hall, Secretary of the Land-office, on account of office fees	983 74		
23d. Received of Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, on account of office fees	300 0	545	37 50
29th. Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of office fees	28 0	546	175 0
30th. Received of Henry Orth, Sheriff of Dauphin county, on account of court fines	53 74	547	35 0
Carried forward	166536 69		
			134393 67

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1798.	Dolls. Cts.	No.	Dolls. Cts.
Brought forward	166536 69		134393 67
1798. June 13th. Paid James McCalmont, an Associate Judge of Franklin county, six months salary, due the 1st of April last		548	70 0
16th. Paid Robert Patton, for postage on sundry packages from the department of accounts		549	70 0
Paid Thomas McKean, his expenses whilst on the Circuit Courts 59 days		550	19 5
18th. Paid Margaret Miller, three months pension, due the 1st instant		551	236 0
Paid Hugh Davidson, an Associate Judge of Lycoming county, one year's salary, due the 1st of April last		552	60 0
Paid Thomas Smith, his expenses whilst on the Circuit Courts for 59 days		553	140 0
20th. Paid Jasper Yeates, an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 31st of March last		554	236 0
Paid Elizabeth Baxter, one quarter's pension, due the 7th of May last		555	500 0
23d. Paid Thomas Hale, for Carpenter's work done at the Register-General's office, &c.		556	112 50
27th. Paid Lucinda Piper, nine months pension, due the 2d of May last		557	13 5
29th. Paid Jane Wallace, one year and two months and nine days pension, due the 19th instant		558	270 0
Paid Francis Johnston, for advertising the sale of the barrack lots		559	59 46
Paid one State Debt Warrant, in favour of William Elliott, No. 15		560	28 0
July 2d. Paid George Bryan, Clerk in the Register-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last		561	35 19
			3 64
July 2d. Received of Francis Johnston, on account of lands granted in the New Purchase	2000 0		
6th. Received of the Bank of the United States one quarter's interest on stock	1444 75		
			225 0
Brought forward	169981 44		
			136471 56



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## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Dr.	Dolls. Cts.		Cr.
Brought forward	216,494 84		
1798.			
July 3d.		Brought forward	
		Paid William McClellan, his expences and trouble in removing convicts from York county gaol to Philadelphia gaol	139384 54
		Paid Thomas Smith, an Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	87 54
		Paid Thomas McKean, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	500 0
		Paid Jared Ingerfoll, Attorney-General of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	666 66
		Paid Anthony Simmons, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	166 66
		Paid John L. W. Franks, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	115 0
		Paid Stephen Sykes, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	110 0
		Paid John Hall, Secretary of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	150 0
		Paid John E. Hall, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land-office, twenty-five days salary, due the 30th of June last	333 33
		Paid James Riddle, President of the fourth district of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	27 79
5th.		Paid Thomas Miffin, Governor of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	400 0
		Paid George Thompson, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	1333 33
		Paid John Kline one quarter's pension, due the 1st instant	35 0
			10 0
Carried forward	216,494 84	Carried forward	143319 85





## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

		Dolls. Cts.	
Brought forward		216	84
1798.			
July 7th.	Brought forward - Paid Jonathan Williams, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	145	18
	Paid Sarah Martin, one month's pension, due the 4th instant	50	0
	Paid John Mullhallon, an Associate Judge of Northampton county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th June last	13	83
	Paid John Donnaldfon, Comptroller-General, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	35	0
9th.	Paid Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	533	33
	Paid John Joseph Henry, President of the Second District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	333	33
	Paid Charles Culnan, and others, one month's wages as watchmen at the State-house and public offices, and for oil, due the 1st instant	400	0
	Paid Jacob Ruff, President of the Third District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	52	0
	Paid Jasper Yeates, an Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	400	0
	Paid Thomas Masters, Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	500	0
	Paid Nathan Luffborough, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last	125	0
	Paid James B. Many, Clerk in ditto, two months and five days salary, due the 5th of June last	275	0
	Paid Hugh Barclay, an Associate Judge of Bedford county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of April last	72	21
		35	0
Carried forward		1481	83

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Dr.	Receipts		Expenditures		CR.
	Doll.	Cts.	Doll.	Cts.	
Brought forward	216	94	84		
1798.					
July 9th. Paid Jonathan Bayard Smith, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last					No. 616
10th. Paid Reynold Keen, an Associate Judge of ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant					Doll. 50
Paid Edward Shippen his expenses on the Circuit Courts 54 days					Cts. 50
Paid ditto, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last					No. 617
Paid James Trimble, Deputy-Secretary of the commonwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 30th of June last					Doll. 216
Paid Henry Wynkoop, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st instant					Cts. 0
12th. Paid John Montgomery, an Associate Judge of Cumberland county, six months salary, due the 1st instant					No. 619
Paid Lewis Nicholas, Brigade-Inspector of the city of Philadelphia, one quarter's salary, due the 11th instant					Doll. 500
Paid John Joseph Henry, for his attendance on the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and for mileage					Cts. 0
Paid the Managers of the Marine and City hospitals of the port and city of Philadelphia, as per act of April the 4th last					No. 620
Paid John Piper, an Associate Judge of Bedford county, six months salary, due the 30th of June last					Doll. 300
Paid George Smith for attending militia duties, as per account					Cts. 0
Paid Jacob Rush, for his attendance on the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and for mileage					No. 621
Paid Nathaniel Falconer, Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, for his wages and the disbursements in his office, from the 13th of April to the 13th instant inclusive					Doll. 35
Carried forward	216	94	84		No. 622
					Doll. 70
					Cts. 0
					No. 623
					Doll. 50
					Cts. 0
					No. 624
					Doll. 18
					Cts. 80
					No. 625
					Doll. 3222
					Cts. 23
					No. 626
					Doll. 70
					Cts. 0
					No. 627
					Doll. 7
					Cts. 86
					No. 628
					Doll. 17
					Cts. 0
					No. 629
					Doll. 386
					Cts. 35
Carried forward	216	94	84		No. Dollars 153161
					Cts. 12

## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Dr.	Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.	Dollars. Cts.	Cr.	
			No.	Dollars. Cts.
	Brought forward,	216,494 84	-	153,161 12
1798. July 16th.	Paid John Carfon, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, one quarter's salary, due the first inst.		630	35 0
17th.	Paid William Jack, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland county, two quarter's salary, due the 30th. of June last,		631	70 0
	Paid Alexander Addison, for his attendance on the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and for mileage,		632	70 0
	Paid Owen Evans, on account of his contract for supplying 1200 stands of arms for the use of the commonwealth, agreeably to the act of March 28th. 1797,		633	2,000 0
	Paid Benjamin Marclay, an Associate Judge of Montgomery county, one year's salary, due the 30th. of June last,		634	140 0
	Paid Samuel Harrison Smith for printing 700 copies of circular letters for the department of accounts,		635	32 0
18th.	Paid the Managers of the Marine and City Hospital, per act April 4th. last,		636	998 99
19th.	Paid Hugh Lenox, John Browne & Samuel Church being the amount of an order of the Commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, for settling the accounts of the Brigade Inspectors,		637	318 98
	Paid the Commissioners of Montgomery county, agreeably to the act of April 11th. 1793,		638	1,200 0
	Paid William Maghec, for his expences and compensation for removing a convict from Westmoreland county gaol to the gaol of Philadelphia,		639	85 99
23d.	Paid John Barclay, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th. of June last,		640	35 0
24th.	Paid Abraham Cable, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, one quarter's salary due the 30th. of June last,		641	35 0
	Carried forward,	Dollars 216,494 84		Dollars 158,182 8

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No.	Dollars. Cts.	
1798.		Brought forward,
July 24th.	138,182 8	Paid John Gibson, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county, one quarter's salary due the 30th. of June
25th.	35 0	Paid John Flenniken, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th. of June last,
643	35 0	Paid Kunrat Welchhane and Jacob Lether, on account of their contract for supplying 1200 stands of arms for the use of the commonwealth,
644	2,400 0	Paid Joseph Fry, for fundry disbursements in the State-house yard, per act of April 5th. 1797,
645	9 61	Paid George Johnston, Clerk in the Comptroller General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. instant,
646	175 0	Paid Matthias Hollenbach, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary due the 30th. of June last,
647	35 0	Paid Jesse Fell, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 30th. of June last,
648	35 0	Paid Putnam Catlin, Brigade Inspector of Luzerne county his salary from the 5th. of February until the 1st. instant,
649	80 54	Paid one State Debt warrant, in favor of William M. Biddle, No. XVI. Principal, - 139 33 Interest, - 4 87
	144 20	Paid arrears of New Loan Interest, -
	5 12	Paid Charles West six months interest on his stock held in trust, -
	23 80	Paid Caleb James, Benjamin H. Smith, John Hannum, Benjamin Brannon, Francis Nichols, and Dennis Whelen, for reviewing that part of the road leading from Philadelphia to York Town, which lies between Fawke's tavern & West Chief-ter, per act of April 4th. 1796,
650	150 0	
		Carried forward, -
		Dollars 161,310 35

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	Dollars. Cts.	
Brought forward,	216,494 84	
1798.		Received of John Haines, High Constable of the City of Philadelphia, on account of a fine recovered from a Pedlar for exposing goods to sale without a licence,
August 2d.	13 33	
6th.	3,842 96	Received of John Baker, Treasurer of Philadelphia county, on account of tavern licences,
		Carried forward, -
		Dollars 220,351 13

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<i>August</i> 9th.	Received of John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, on account of tavern licences,	Dollars. Cts.
	Brought forward,	220,351 13
31st.	Received on account of the Loan office of £50,000,—	10 0
	Principal,	83 33
	Interest,	48 78
		132 11

1798.	<i>August</i> 1st.	Paid Benjamin Brannon, an Associate Judge of Delaware county, six months salary, due the 30th. of June last,	No.	Dollars. Cts.
			651	70 0
2d.		Paid Charles Culnan and company, for one month's watching at the State house & public offices, & for oil & lamp wick furnished for the public lamps,	652	52 25
6th.		Paid Elizabeth Parry, six months pension, due the 29th. of July last,	653	120 0
7th.		Paid Sarah Martin, one month's pension, due the 4th. instant,	654	13 83
8th.		Paid James Allison, an Associate Judge of Washington county, one quarter's salary due the 1st. of July last,	655	35 0
		Paid Mary Wert, one month's pension due the 1st. instant,	656	13 33
9th.		Paid James Trimble for disbursements in transmitting the laws and journals to the several counties,	657	38 37
		Paid Nathan Dennison, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary due the 30th. of June last,	658	35 0
10th.		Paid James Wells, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, six months salary, due the 30th. of June last,	659	70 0
		Paid Benjamin Elliott, an Associate Judge of Huntingdon county, six months salary due the 30th. of June last,	660	70 0
		Paid Hugh Davidson, an Associate Judge of ditto, one quarter's salary due the 30th. of June last,	661	35 0
		Paid the Trustees of Newtown Academy, in Bucks county, agreeably to an act of March 16th. last, in part,	662	1,500 0
		Paid Ann McNeal, three months pension, due the 1st. instant,	663	45 0
		Paid Elizabeth Baxter, three months pension, due the 6th. instant,	664	112 50
		Carried forward,		Dollars 163,520 63

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Brought forward, - Dollars. Cts.  
220,493 24

		1798.				Cr.	
		August				Dollars. Cts.	
Brought forward,						163,520 63	
11th.	Paid Alexander J. Dallas, on account of the contingent expenses of the executive department per act of April 4th. last,	665				1,200 0	
13th.	Paid Henry Shrupp for so much paid by him to Isaac Heston for painting colours and drums for the 1st. regiment of Philadelphia county militia,	666				150 0	
17th.	Paid Lewis Nicholas Brigado-Inspector of the city of Philadelphia, twenty-eight days salary,	667				15 54	
	Paid William Hall and William Sellers on account of printing, paper and binding the laws passed in the last session,	668				1,200 0	
28th.	Paid Mary Neefe, two years pension, due the third of May 1797,	669				100 0	
	Paid Nicholas Lutz, an Associate Judge of Berks county, six months salary, due the 1st. of July last,	670				70 0	
31st.	Paid one state Debt warrant in favor of William Hunter, No. XVII.					33 46	
	Paid one unfunded State Debt warrant in favor of Jeremiah Filher No. V.					66 66	
September 1st.	Paid George Bryan, for disbursements in the Register General's office and expenses incurred in removing the Department of Accounts and Treasury from Philadelphia to Germantown,	671				18 99	
5th.	Paid John Miles on account of his contract for supplying 2,000 stands of arms for the use of the commonwealth,	672				600 0	
6th.	Paid Mary Wert, one months pension due the 1st. instant,	673				13 33	
	Paid Charles Culnan and others, one months services for watching at the state house and public offices, and for three gallons of oil for the lamps,	674				52 0	
7th.	Paid John Cadwallader, Brigade Inspector of Mifflin county six months salary due the 11th of July last	675				100 0	
Carried forward,						167,142 61	

Carried forward, - Dollars 220,493 14



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		Dollars Cts.	No.	Dollars Cts.
Brought forward,		220,493 24		172,082 24
1798.				
October 3d.				
	Brought forward,			
	Paid Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the			
	Land office, one quarter's salary due the 1st.			
	infant.		690	333 33
	Paid John Heaton, Clerk in the Receiver General's			
	office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st.			
	infant,		691	200 0
4th.	Paid Francis Wright, Clerk in the Comptroller			
	General's office, one quarter's salary, due the			
	1st. infant		692	125 0
	Paid Jared Ingerfoll, Attorney General one quar-			
	ter's salary, due the 1st. infant,			
	Paid Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the com-			
	monwealth, one quarter's salary, due the 1st.			
	infant,		694	500 0
	Paid Samuel Clendenin, Clerk in the Comptroller			
	General's office, one quarter's salary, due the			
	1st. infant,		695	200 0
	Paid Mary Wert, one month's pension due the			
	1st. infant,			
	Paid Matthew Watfon, Clerk in the Comptroller			
	General's office, one quarter's salary, due the			
	1st. infant,		697	125 0
5th.	Paid Samuel Bryan, Register General, one quar-			
	ter's salary, due the 1st. infant,			
	Paid Jacob Grace, for carrying the laws, mi-			
	nutes, &c. of the two last sessions of the Legisla-			
	ture, in sundry counties of this state,			
	Paid Jasper Yeates, one of the Judges of the Su-			
	preme court, one quarter's salary, due the 1st.			
	infant,		700	500 0
	Paid Thomas Smith, one of the Judges of the Su-			
	preme court, one quarter's salary due the 1st. inf.			
11th.	Paid Benjamin Rittenhouse an Associate Judge of			
	Montgomery county, one quarter's salary, due			
	the 1st. infant,		702	35 0
Carried forward,		Dollars 220,493 24		Dollars 175,389 89

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Dollars Cts.		Dollars Cts.	
Brought forward,	220,493 24	No.	Dollars Cts.
1798.		-	175,389 89
October 1st.		703	60 67
Paid Joseph Fry, for taking care of the State house yard, &c. 92 days		704	115 0
Paid Anthony Simmons, Clerk in the Surveyor General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. instant,		705	533 33
15th. Paid John Donnaldfon, Comptroller General, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. instant,		706	2,295 4
Paid the Managers of the Marine and city Hospitals of the port and city of Philadelphia, agreeably to an act passed April 4th. last,		707	125 0
19th. Paid Thomas Walters, Clerk in the Surveyor General's office, one quarter's salary due the 1st. instant,		708	52 0
Paid Charles Culnan and others, for one month's services, &c. as watchmen at the State house and Treasury, due the 1st. instant.		709	140 0
Paid David Gray, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one year's salary, due the 17th. of September last,		710	35 0
Paid James Chambers, an Associate Judge of Franklin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. instant,		711	70 0
Paid John Minor, an Associate Judge of Greene county, two quarter's salary, due the 1st. instant.		712	1,100 0
Paid the commissioners of Montgomery county, the balance of a sum appropriated for erecting a bridge over the Perkioming creek, agreeably to an act, passed the 11th. of April 1793,		713	348 0
Paid Samuel Witchell, for carrying the laws, &c. passed in the two last sessions of the Legislature, into findry counties of the commonwealth,		714	35 0
23d. Paid John Flenniken, an Associate Judge of Greene county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st. inst.			120 0
31st. Paid one unfunded state debt warrant, in favor of Joseph Ogden, No. VII.			
Carried forward,			Dollars 180,418 93
Brought forward,			
1798.			
October 25th.			
Received of Richard S. Footman, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties,			
23th.			
Received of William Shannon, Auctioneer, on account of ditto,			
26th.			
Received of John Connelly, Auctioneer, on account of ditto,			
31st.			
Received of John Herfter, Treasurer of Northampton county, on account of the Loan office of 1793,			
Received of Peter Benson, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties			
Carried forward,			

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1798. November	Dollars Cts.	No.	Dollars Cts.
Brought forward,	221,404 56	-	180,418 93
Received of Edward Pole, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties	50 60	-	-
Received of Edward Fox, Auctioneer, on account of auction duties,	74 60	715	400 0
26th. Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the Land office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the old purchase previous to and since the revolution,	-	716	136 0
29th. Received of ditto, on account of office fees	2,000 0	717	152 0
Received of ditto, on account of ditto, Dollars 792 60	-	718	13 33
Received of Benjamin Elliott, Treasurer of Huntington county, on account of Principal due to the Loan office of 1793,	869 6	719	70 0
On account of interest due to ditto, Dollars 233 88	-	720	70 0
On account of tavern licences	297 93	721	52 50
Received on account of the Loan-office of £50,000 Principal, Dollars 132 0	945 59	722	19 20
Interest,	60 15	723	35 0
	-	724	366 74
	-	725	275 0
	-	726	35 0
	-	727	39 59
Carried forward	Dollars 225,536 56		Dollars 182,083 29

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Brought forward  
Dolls. Cts.  
22536 56

1798.  
Nov. 14.

Brought forward -  
Paid James Finley, an Associate Judge of Fayette county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of July last  
Paid Jonathan Williams, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
Paid Robert McElwee, a Clerk in the Comptroller-General's office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
15th. Paid Nathan Dennison, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
Paid Matthias Hollenback, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
Paid Thomas McKean his travelling expences, in attending the Circuit Courts of Nili Prius 26 days  
16th. Paid Jacob Ruff, President of the Third District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
Paid Elizabeth Baxter, one quarter's pension, due the 6th instant  
Paid Jesse Fell, an Associate Judge of Luzerne county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
17th. Paid Anne McNeal one quarter's pension, due the 1st instant  
19th. Paid William Robinson, junior, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last  
Paid Samuel Laird, an Associate Judge of Cumberland county, two quarters salary, due the 1st of October last  
20th. Paid William Hoge, an Associate Judge of Washington county, his salary, from the 6th April to the 30th September 1798 inclusive  
Paid John Kline three months pension, due the 1st instant

Carried forward  
Dollars 22536 56

No.      Dolls. Cts.  
182083 29  
728      35 0  
729      50 0  
730      125 0  
731      35 0  
732      35 0  
733      104 0  
734      400 0  
735      112 50  
736      35 0  
737      45 0  
738      50 0  
739      70 0  
740      68 5  
741      10 0  
Dollars 183257 84

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Dolls. Cts.		No.	Dolls. Cts.
Brought forward	225536 56		
1798. Nov. 20th. Brought forward			
Paid John D. Cox, President of the First District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last		742	500 0
21st. Paid John McKiffick, Clerk in the office of the Receiver-General of the Land-office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last		743	275 0
Paid Samuel Bryan, for amount of expenses incurred by him forundry disbursements in the offices of the Comptroller-General, Register-General, and State Treasurer, during the existence of the epidemic, which prevailed in the city, and for removing the said offices to Philadelphia		744	74 81
Paid John Carlon, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last		745	35 0
22d. Paid James Chambers, an Associate Judge of Franklin county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of July last		746	35 0
Paid John Donnaldfon, for five cords of wood, &c. for the use of his office		747	49 58
Paid John McDowell, an Associate Judge of Allegheny county; one quarter's salary, due the 1st of July last		748	35 0
Paid James Edgar, an Associate Judge of Washington county, six months salary, due the 1st of October last		749	70 0
23d. Paid Henry Wynkoop, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last		750	35 0
Paid Mark Wilcox, an Associate Judge of Delaware county, two quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last		751	70 0
Paid Abalom Baird, Brigade-Inspector of Washington county, six month's salary, due the 11th of October last		752	100 0
24th. Paid Margaret Miller, three months pension, due the 11th of September last		753	60 0
Carried forward	Dollars 225536 56		
		Dollars	184597 23

## Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &amp;c.

Brought forward		Dolls. Cts.		Doll. Cts.	
		225536 56		184597 23	
Brought forward				70 0	
Paid Samuel C. Seely, an Associate Judge of Wayne county, six months salary, due the 22d of September last				70 0	
Paid Ebenezer Griffith, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, six months salary, due the 1st of October last				35 0	
Paid Abraham Cable, an Associate Judge of Somerset county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last				2500 0	
Paid Owen Evans, on account of his contract, for supplying 1200 stands of arms for the use of the commonwealth, per act of the 28th of March 1797				70 0	
Paid James Barr, an Associate Judge of Westmoreland county, two quarters salary, due the 1st of October last				100 0	
Paid Ephraim Morton, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last				70 0	
Paid John McPherson, an Associate Judge of Northumberland county, two quarters salary, due the 1st of October last				50 0	
Paid Jonathan Bayard Smith, an Associate Judge of Philadelphia county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last				2265 0	
Paid Hall & Sellers, for printing the Journal of the House of Representatives				35 0	
Paid John Barclay, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last				35 0	
Paid John McDowell, an Associate Judge of Allegheney county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last				35 0	
Paid Thomas Leiper, executor of Sarah Caldwell's estate, three quarter's interest on her stock, held in trust				233 4	
Paid John Thompson, six months interest on his stock, held in trust				83 80	
Carried forward		Dollars 225536 56		Dollars 190214 7	

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	Dolls. Cts.		
1798. Dec. 3d. Brought forward -	225536 56		
Received of Benjamin Elliott, Treasurer of Huntingdon county, on account of tavern licences -	28 52		
7th. Received of John Hall, Secretary of the Land-office, on account of office fees -	120 99		
8th. Received of Jacob Krug, Treasurer of Lancaster county, on account of tavern licences -	4000 0		
Received of Francis Johnston, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the Old Purchase, previous to and since the revolution -	2000 0		
10th. Received of Jacob Krug, Treasurer of Lancaster county, on account of arrears of taxes for the year 1789 -	694 3		
12th. Received of James Paul, late Sheriff of Fayette county, on account of court fines -	29 40		
Received of Isaac Bonnett, late Sheriff of Bedford county, on account of court fines -	24 18		
17th. Received of Samuel Adams, late Collector of excise of Fayette county, on account of excise -	21 39		
18th. Received of David Reddick, Treasurer of Washington county, on account of the Loan-office of 1793 -	606 54		
On account of tavern licences -	404 71		
Received of Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor-General of the Land-office, on account of office fees -	666 66		
19th. Received of Andrew Boyd, late Treasurer of Chester county, on account of tavern licences -	242 44		
22d. Received of Moses Hobson, Treasurer of Montgomery county, on account of tavern licences -	440 0		
24th. Received of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver-General of the Land-office, on account of monies received by him for lands granted in the New Purchase -	1000 0		
26th. Received of Samuel Cochran, late Treasurer of Chester county, on account of tavern licences -	100 0		
Received of Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor-General of the Land-office, on account of office fees -	649 13		
Carried forward -	236159 84	Dollars	

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No.	Dolls. Cts.		
1798. Dec. 3d. Brought forward -	190214 7		
4th. Paid Abraham Henry and John Graeff, on account of their contract for supplying the state with 2000 stands of arms -	956 0		
4th. Paid Christian Shade, for bringing two prisoners from the gaol of Cumberland county to Philadelphia gaol -	78 27		
5th. Paid Martha McClelland, her pension, due the 26th of June last -	120 0		
Paid Nathan Luffborough, Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last -	275 0		
Paid Stephen Sykes, Clerk in ditto, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last -	150 0		
Paid Charles Culnan and others, for watching at the public offices, and for oil, for one month -	52 50		
Paid David C. and Septimus Claypoole, for advertising proposals for supplying arms for the use of the commonwealth -	4 67		
6th. Paid William Duntun, three months pension, due the 1st of October last -	21 0		
7th. Paid John Whitehill, an Associate Judge of Lancaster county, nine months salary, due the 1st of October last -	105 0		
Paid Sarah Martin, one month's pension, due the 1st infant -	13 83		
Paid Catharine Alexander one quarter's pension, due the 26th of November last -	19 20		
7th. Paid James Cowden, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, one year's salary, due the 1st of October last -	140 0		
8th. Paid Abraham Henry and John Graeff, on account of their contract for supplying arms for the use of the commonwealth -	4000 0		
Paid Benjamin Elliott, an Associate Judge of Huntingdon county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last -	35 0		
Carried forward -	196294 54	Dollars	

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Receipts and Expenditures in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, &c.		No.	Dolls.	Cts.	Cr.
1798.	Brought forward		236	159	84
Dec. 27th.	Received of Robert Miller, Treasurer of Chester county, on account of the Loan-office of 1793		577	61	
23th.	Received of John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, on account of tavern licences		325	60	
	On account of the Loan-office of 1793		4	40	
29th.	Received of John Brandon, Treasurer of Westmoreland county, on account of tavern licences		330	0	
	Received of Thomas Hamilton, Sheriff of Washington county, on account of court fines		400	0	
31st.	Received of Adam Boyd, Treasurer of Dauphin county, on account of tavern licences		60	0	
	Received on account of the Loan-office of £. 50000		160	0	
	Principal		66	67	
	Interest		28	66	
			95	33	
1798.	Brought forward		163	88	
Dec. 11th.	Paid the administrators of John L. W. Frank, late a Clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, of two months and fourteen days salary, due the 14th of September last	779	90	43	
12th.	Paid Margaret Fullerton, six months pension, due the 1st instant	780	43	20	
	Paid Jonathan Harvey Hurst, Brigade-Inspector of the city of Philadelphia, two months and two days salary, due the 11th of October last	781	34	44	
	Paid John Piper, an Associate Judge of Bedford county, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last	782	35	0	
13th.	Paid Zachariah Poulson, junior, for printing done for the Senate at their late session	783	151	50	
	Paid Joseph McClellan and Elijah McClenachan, their expenses as auditors for settling the accounts of the Brigade-Inspector of Chester county	784	26	2	
14th.	Paid Zachariah Poulson, junior, for printing done for the Senate at their late session	785	10	0	
	Paid Mary Cline Smith one year's pension, due the 28th of August last	786	16	0	
	Paid Thomas Fowler, an Associate Judge of Dauphin county, his salary, from 1st October 1797 to the 4th instant	787	163	88	
	Paid Roger and Elisha Kirk, for their expenses incurred in apprehending a certain John A. Rook, who was charged with horse-stealing, and had fled from the justice of this State	788	55	88	
18th.	Paid James Riddle, President of the Fourth District of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last	789	400	0	
	Paid Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor-General, one quarter's salary, due the 1st of July last	790	333	33	
	Paid ditto one quarter's salary, due the 1st of October last	791	333	33	
19th.	Paid Mary Wert one month's pension, due the 1st instant	792	13	33	
	Carried forward		197	900	88

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		Dolls. Cts.		CR.	
Brought forward		237782 78		197900 88	
1798.					
Dec. 20th.	Paid Michael Billmeyer, for printing done for the Senate, at their late session			793	344 0
	Paid Richard Hunt, for riding exprefs with the writs of election iflued by the Speaker of the Senate, and delivering the fame to the Sheriffs of the counties of Northampton and Wayne			794	48 0
	Paid Thomas Beale, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, fix months falary, due the 1ft of October laft			795	70 0
	Paid Samuel Bryfon, an Associate Judge of Mifflin county, one quarter's falary, due the 1ft of October laft			796	35 0
21ft.	Paid Matthias Hutchinson, an Associate Judge of Bucks county, fix months falary, due the 1ft of October laft			797	70 0
31ft.	Paid Alexander Addifon, Prefident of the fifth diftrict of the Court of Common Pleas, one quarter's falary, due the 1ft of October laft			798	400 0
	Paid one State Debt Warrant, in favour of Solomon Marks,			[ 58 ]	
	Principal			4 27	
	Interest			2 32	
	Paid to account of bills of credit of the emiffion of April 1781, received as fpecie fince the 31ft of March laft			6 59	
	Paid to account of ditto, of the emiffion of March 16th, 1785, received as fpecie fince the 31ft of March laft			1 66	
	Balance			16 97	
				38889 68	
				Dollars 237782 78	

Dollars 237782 78

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phia, Jan. 2, 1799.

Errors excepted,

PETER BAYNTON, Treasurer.



No. II.

*Account of Bills of Credit of 1781.*

Account of Bills of Credit of 1781.		C.R.	
		Dolls.	Cts.
1798.			
Jan. 1st.	To balance, as per last report	-	-
March 31st.	To amount of bills of 1781, received as specie since the 1st of January last	251	87
Dec. 31st.	To ditto, received as specie since the 31st March last	1	66
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		262	40
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		262	40

## No. III.

*Account of Bills of Credit of 1785.*

DR.	Account of Bills of Credit of 1785.	CR.
	1798.	
	<i>Jan.</i> 1st. To balance, as <i>per</i> last report	
	<i>March</i> 31st. To amount of bills of 1785, received as specie since the 31st of January last	
	<i>Dec.</i> 31st. To ditto, received as specie since the 31st of March last	
	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>
	149 23	932 50
	766 30	
	16 97	
		932 50

No. IV.

*Account of Depreciation Certificates, received of Commissioners of Forfeited Estates.*

DR.	Account of Depreciation Certificates, received of Commissioners of Forfeited Estates.		CR.
1798.	Dolls. Cts.	1798.	Dolls. Cts.
Jan. 1st. To amount of Depreciation certificates, as per last report	- - -	Dec. 31st. By amount of depreciation certificates remaining in the Treasury	- - -
	795 11		795 11

DR. { *Account of sundry Certificates, Stock of the United States, obtained for Continental money subscribed, and in consequence of* } CR.  
*a subscription made in trust for the estate of Sarah Caldwell, for John Thompson, Mary Beere,*  
*James Steen, Charles Welt, Thomas Butler, and Henry Brown.*

## Six per cent. Stock.

	Dolls. Cts		Dolls. Cts.
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of January 1791, dated the 14th March 1792	6865 39	Sarah Caldwell's property therein	4469 66
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of January 1791, dated June the 12th 1794	18 49	John Thompson's ditto	2284 40
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of January 1797, dated February 16th 1797	722 68	Mary Beere's ditto	58 33
		James Steen's ditto	53 0
		Charles Welt's ditto	523 11
		Thomas Butler's ditto	156 0
		Henry Brown's ditto	33 33
		The Commonwealth's ditto	28 73
	<u>7606 56</u>		<u>7606 56</u>

## Three per cent. Stock.

	Dolls. Cts.		Dolls. Cts.
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of January 1794, dated the 14th March 1792	1441 53	Sarah Caldwell's property therein	1422 57
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of April 1793, dated the 15th June 1793	1070 96	John Thompson's ditto	1019 43
One certificate, on interest from the 1st of January 1797, dated February the 16th 1797	661 71	Mary Beere's ditto	31 13
		James Steen's ditto	39 36
		Charles Welt's ditto	541 41
		Thomas Butler's ditto	105 30
		Henry Brown's ditto	15 0
	<u>3174 20</u>		<u>3174 20</u>

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*Defered Stock.*

One certificate, dated the 15th March 1792  
 One ditto dated the 5th June 1794  
 One ditto, dated the 12th June 1794  
 One ditto, dated the 16th February 1797

Doll. Cts.

3432 70  
 5 12  
 9 24  
 356 22

3803 28

CR.

Doll. Cts.

Sarah Caldwell's property therein  
 John Thompson's ditto  
 Mary Beere's ditto  
 James Steen's ditto  
 Charles West's ditto  
 Thomas Butler's ditto  
 Henry Brown's ditto  
 The commonwealth's ditto

2234 83  
 1142 20  
 29 17  
 26 50  
 261 55  
 78 0  
 16 67  
 14 36

3803 28

## No. VI.

DR. *Account of Militia Fines received, and expenses incurred and paid, agreeably to an act passed the 11th of April, 1793.* CR.

1798.

Jan. 1st. To amount of militia fines received since the 11th of April 1793, and which were included in former annual reports  
 Feb. 1st. To Cash received of Alexander Ruffel, Brigade-Inspector of York county  
 10th. To ditto, received of Joseph Torrence, Brigade-Inspector of Fayette county

Doll. Cts.

6547 73  
 400 0  
 171 97

1798.

Jan. 1st. By amount of expenses incurred and paid since the 11th of April, 1793, and which were included in former annual reports  
 12th. By Cash paid John Cadwallader, as per warrant entered in the general statement  
 15th. By ditto, paid Samuel Cochran, as per  
 March 3d. By ditto, paid Henry Frailey, as per  
 By ditto, paid ditto, as per  
 By ditto, paid ditto, as per  
 By ditto, paid ditto, as per  
 15th. By ditto, paid William Sterrett, as per  
 April 3d. By ditto, paid Abfalom Baird, as per  
 Aug. 13th. By ditto, paid Henry Shrupp, as per  
 Balance, included in the balance of the general statement No. I.

Doll. Cts.

632 99  
 76 0  
 33 33  
 236 33  
 334 33  
 157  
 158  
 159  
 184  
 1380 0  
 211  
 487 74  
 152 0

3487 79

7119 70

PETER BAYNTON, Treasurer.



R E P O R T

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OF THE

STATE OF THE FINANCES

OF

*P E N N S Y L V A N I A,*

FOR THE YEAR M,DCC,XCVIII.



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1799.



SIR,

IN Pursuance of the tenth section of the Act of the fourth of April, 1792, I have the honor to lay before the House of Representatives a Statement of the Finances of this Commonwealth, from the first of January until the thirty-first of December, 1798.

The paper marked A. contains a general account of the Receipts at the Treasury, from the first of January until the thirty-first of December, 1798; and that marked B. a general account of the Expenditures for the same time; leaving the following balances in the Treasury the thirty-first of December, 1798, viz.

In Specie,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	38,889	68
Bills of credit of March 1785,	-	-	-	-	-	£.	349	13 9
Bills of credit of April 1781	-	-	-	-	-	£.	98	8 0
Continental money	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	384,678	89

The schedules from No. I. to No. XVI. inclusive, referred to in the general statements A. and B. give a detailed view of the Receipts and Expenditures of monies for the year 1798, and shew the state of the accounts, upon which they have been received and paid, to the close of that year.

No. XVII. A statement of unfunded debt, issued since the report of 1797 to the Legislature.

No. XVIII. A general statement of unfunded debt, shewing the whole amount issued under the second section of the Act of the fourth of April, 1792; the amount redeemed by the various appropriations, and the balance yet to be redeemed, with the amount of interest which was due thereon the fifth of April, 1797, when the certificates of unfunded debt unredeemed ceased to bear interest.

No. XIX. A statement of bills of credit of different emissions.

No. XX. A statement of the Three per Cents and Deferred Purparts.

No. XXI. A statement of the debts due to the Commonwealth the first of January, 1799; and a statement of the stock of the Bank of Pennsylvania, and of the stock of the United States, the property of the Commonwealth.

No. XXII. A statement of the debts due by the Commonwealth, and of the balances of the various appropriations unpaid the first of January, 1799.

I have not made an estimate of the probable produce and expenditure of the public revenues for the year 1799, for the reasons stated in the letter which accompanied my report of the finances for the year 1797.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect,

Your obedient humble servant,

SAMUEL BRYAN.

REGISTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE

January 14th, 1799.

The Honorable CADWALLADER EVANS, Esq.

Speaker of the House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.





A STATE OF THE FINANCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

From the first of January, 1798, to the thirty-first of December, 1798.

*The Receipts have been—*

	Continental Money.	Bills April 1781.	Bills Mar. 1785.	Specie.
Balances in the Treasury on the first of January 1798, per Schedule No. I.	384,678 89	£ 3 6 6	£ 55 19 3	68,059 11
Duties on Sales at Auction,	—	—	—	11,018 83
State tax, Arrears of,	—	—	—	3,692 37
Carriage tax, Arrears of,	—	—	—	210 63
Excise, Arrears of,	—	—	—	376 1
Court Fines,	—	—	—	853 78
Marriage and Tavern Licences,	—	—	—	19,646 77
Tax on Writs,	—	—	—	2,288 0
Tax on Patents,	—	—	—	251 0
Loan office of £50,000, principal and interest,	—	—	—	1,623 70
Loan-office of Dollars 500,000,	—	—	—	3,397 38
Fees of the Land-office and the Secretary's Fees,	—	—	—	9,860 93
Lands fold in the Old and New Purchase,	—	—	—	21,392 52
Bank of Pennsylvania, Dividend on Bank Stock,	—	—	—	80,000 0
Militia Fines,	—	—	—	571 97
Bank of the United States, interest on stock purchased from the Bank of Pennsylvania,	—	—	—	5,008 16
Ditto for Comptroller General to exchange New Loans,	—	—	—	225 58
Ditto for old Continental money loaned,	—	—	—	1 72
Ditto in favor of the State, being a difference in calculation,	—	—	—	0 34
Ditto interest on lost Certificates,	—	—	—	549 80
Ditto two per cent. on principal of ditto,	—	—	—	151 51
Ditto two per cent. on principal of Stock held in trust by the Comptroller General,	—	—	—	31 45
Ditto two per cent. on principal of Six per Cent. Stock of the United States, purchased from the Bank of Pennsylvania,	—	—	—	1,669 40
Barrack Lots, county of Philadelphia,	—	—	—	1,220 0
Beaver town-lots,	—	—	—	163 82
Erie, &c. town-lots,	—	—	—	4,086 27
City Lots,	—	—	—	1,426 0
John Baird, interest on State Debt returned, which was not applied for by the party for whom it was delivered to him,	—	£95 1 6	—	5 73
Bills of Credit of April, 1781, received among specie,	—	—	£293 14 6	—
Bills of Credit of March, 1785, received among specie,	—	£98 8 0	£349 13 9	237,782 78
	384,678 89	£98 8 0	£349 13 9	237,782 78

## B.

*The Payments thereout have been—*

	No. VII.	Continental Money.	Bills of Credit of April, 1781.	Bills of Credit of March 1785.	Specie.
The expenses of Government, per Schedule, State house and Yard, per Acts of the fourth of April, 1796, and fifth of April, 1797,	-	-	-	-	151,395 96
Pensions,	-	-	-	-	51 76
Militia expenses, previous to the Act of the eleventh of April, 1793,	-	-	-	-	4,998 18
Militia expenses, under the Act of the eleventh of April, 1793,	-	-	-	-	117 19
Agents of Information,	-	-	-	-	7,481 21
Improvements,	-	-	-	-	1,329 24
Funded and Depreciation Debt, principal and interest,	-	-	-	-	7,516 66
Arms for the defence of the Commonwealth,	-	-	-	-	806 39
Unfunded Debt redeemed, principal and interest,	-	-	-	-	12,496 9
Grizel Robinson, per Act of the nineteenth of April, 1794,	-	-	-	-	10,513 31
Interest on lot Certificates,	-	-	-	-	47 2
Interest on New Loan Debt,	-	-	-	-	681 28
John Donnaldfon, Comptroller General, on account of interest and two per cent on the principal of Stock held by him,	-	-	-	-	8 76
Bills of Credit of April, 1781, received among specie payments,	-	-	-	-	413 25
Bills of Credit of March, 1785, received among specie payments,	-	-	-	-	253 53
Balances in the Treasury on the thirty-first of December, 1798,	-	384,678 89	£ 98 8 0	£ 349 13 9	783 27
		384,678 89	£ 98 8 0	£ 349 13 9	38,889 68
					237,782 78

# The Schedules,

From No. I. to No. XXII. referred to in the preceding Statement and Letter.

## No. I.

State of the TREASURY on the first day of January, 1798.

In Specie,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars, 68,059 11
Bills of credit of March, 1785,	£	55	19	3,	or	-	-	-	149 22
Bills of credit of April, 1781,	£	3	6	6,	or	-	-	-	8 87
Continental and Resolve money,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384,678 89

## No. II.

Duties on Sales at Auction.

John Connelly,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars, 3,438 10
Richard S. Footman,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,618 64
William Shannon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,811 2
Edward Fox,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	421 33
Edward Pole,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	675 75
Peter Benson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	377 59
Thomas W. Hiltzheimer, late Auctioneer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	627 40
John Patton, late Auctioneer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49 0
									<u>11,018 83</u>

## No. III.

Taxes collected.

	Arrears of State Taxes.	Arrears of Car- riage Tax.	Arrears of Excise.	Court Fines.	Marriage and Tavern Licences.	Auction Duties.	Tax on Writs.	Tax on Patents.
Philadelphia city and county,	576 70			13 33	3,842 96	11,018 83		
Bucks,	632 47	210 63			216 35			
Chester, - - -			144 8		527 44			
Lancaster, - - -	694 3			0 2	4,445 0			
York, - - -					1,200 0			
Cumberland, - - -	842 48			304 0	455 82			
Berks, - - -	866 66		210 54		1,036 64			
Northampton, - - -				45 73	1,036 64			
Bedford, - - -	80 3			184 18	67 20			
Westmoreland, - - -					400 0			
Washington, - - -				60 0	839 43			
Fayette, - - -			21 39	29 40	459 80			
Franklin, - - -					422 65			
Montgomery, - - -					1,108 80			
Dauphin, - - -				53 74	905 0			
Huntingdon, - - -					484 88			
Allegheny, - - -					961 40			
Luzerne, - - -					73 52			
Mifflin, - - -					1,163 24			
Delaware, - - -				163 38				
Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, - - -							2288 0	
Master of the Rolls, -								251 0
Dollars	3,692 37	210 63	376 1	853 78	19,646 77	11,018 83	2288 0	251 0

## No. IV.

## Loan-office of £50,000.

Balance of principal due on mortgages on the first of January, 1798, - -		<i>Dollars</i> 4,167 70
	<i>Interest.</i>	<i>Principal.</i>
Received in Specie during the year 1798. <i>Dollars</i> 571 39	<i>Dollars</i> 1,052 31	<i>Dollars</i> 1,052 31
Balance of principal due on mortgages the thirty-first of December, 1798,		<u>3,115 39</u>

## No. V.

Loan-office of *Dollars* 500,000.

Amount of monies loaned per act of the eleventh of April, 1793, - -	<i>Dollars</i> 17,219 13
Received to thirty-first of December, 1798, principal and interest, <i>Dollars</i> , 6,715 57	

N B. Many of the payments, on the above account, to the Treasury were made generally, without distinguishing the principal from the interest, consequently the balance of principal outstanding cannot at present be ascertained.

## No. VI.

## Fees of Land-office and Secretary's Fees.

Alexander James Dallas, Secretary of the commonwealth, - - -	<i>Dollars</i> 2,095 6
Francis Johnston, Receiver General, - - - - -	1,926 74
John Hall, Secretary to the Land-office, - - - - -	1,104 73
Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor General, - - - - -	2,034 40
Executors of David Kennedy, late Secretary to the Land-office, - - -	2,703 0
	<u><i>Dollars</i> 9,860 93</u>

## No. VII.

## Expences of Government.

*Executive Department.*

His Excellency the Governor's salary, - - - - -	<i>Dollars</i> 5,333 32
The Secretary of the commonwealth, - - - - -	2,000 0
Assistant Secretary, - - - - -	1,200 0
	<u>8,533 32</u>

*Contingent expences of the Executive Department.*

Alexander James Dallas, - - - - -	3,500 0
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## Judiciary.

*Highb Court of Errors and Appeals.*

Contingent Expences, - - - - -	12 0
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*Supreme Court.*

The Chief Justice, - - - - -	<i>Dollars</i> 2,666 64
Edward Shippen, - - - - -	2,000 0
Jasper Yeates, - - - - -	2,000 0
Thomas Smith, - - - - -	2,000 0
Contingent expences, - - - - -	1,668 0
The Attorney General, - - - - -	666 64
	<u>11,001 28</u>
Carried forward,	22,046 50

Judges

Amount brought forward, Dollars 22,046 50

*Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.*

John D. Cox, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 2,000 0
Jacob Ruth, " " " " " " " "	1,600 0
John Joseph Henry, " " " " " " " "	1,600 0
James Riddle, " " " " " " " "	1,600 0
Alexander Addison, " " " " " " " "	1,600 0
Contingent expences, " " " " " " " "	105 80
	<hr/> 8,505 80

*Associate Judges.*

New Law, " " " " " " " "	13,798 10
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*Legislature.**Senate.*

Pay and mileage of the Members, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 9,308 0
Clerks wages, " " " " " " " "	2,754 0
Sergeant at Arms and Door-keeper, " " " " " " " "	1,078 70
Transcribing and engrossing bills, " " " " " " " "	89 50
Printing, " " " " " " " "	3,733 70
Stationary, " " " " " " " "	289 43
News papers, " " " " " " " "	181 21
Contingent expences, " " " " " " " "	48 0
	<hr/> 17,482 54

*House of Representatives.*

Pay and mileage of the Members, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 29,950 80
Clerk and Assistant Clerk, " " " " " " " "	4,377 56
Sergeant at Arms and Door-keeper, " " " " " " " "	1,288 0
Printing, " " " " " " " "	5,775 0
Draughting of bills, " " " " " " " "	188 0
News-papers, " " " " " " " "	448 72
Stationary, " " " " " " " "	194 37
Contingent expences, " " " " " " " "	462 0
	<hr/> 42,684 45

*Treasury Department.*

John Donaldson, Comptroller General, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 2,133 32
Samuel Bryan, Register General, " " " " " " " "	1,333 32
Peter Baynton, Treasurer, " " " " " " " "	1,333 32
	<hr/> 4,799 96

*Land Officers.*

Francis Johnston, Receiver General, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 1,333 32
John Hall, Secretary to the Land office, " " " " " " " "	1,333 32
Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor General, " " " " " " " "	1,333 32
	<hr/> 3,999 96

*Wardens of the Port.*

Nathaniel Falconer, pay and fundry expences, " " " " " " " "	1,545 0
Carried forward, " " " " " " " "	Dollars 116,862 31

Clerks

Amount brought forward, - Dollars 116,862 31

### Clerks in the several Departments.

#### *Comptroller General's Office.*

Samuel Clendinnin,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	674	99	
Francis Wright,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	0	
Robert McElwee,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	0	
Matthew Watfon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	0	
George Johnston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	525	0	
									<u>2,449 99</u>

#### *Register General's Office.*

George Bryan,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	900	0	
Matthew Watfon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	0	
Isaac Bernard,	-	-	-	-	-	-	159	32	
John Woodward,	-	-	-	-	-	-	509	32	
									<u>1,818 64</u>

#### *Treasurer's Office.*

Alexander Wilson,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	533	32	
Ditto, for keeping the Loan-office books of 1785,						-	586	67	
									<u>1,119 99</u>

#### *Surveyor General's Office.*

William Parker,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	1,100	0	
Thomas Masters,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	0	
Anthony Simmons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	460	0	
John Lewis William Frank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	420	43	
Henry Kean,	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	0	
									<u>2,780 43</u>

#### *Secretary to Land-office.*

Nathan Lufborough,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	1,100	0	
Stephen Sykes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	0	
J. B. Many,	-	-	-	-	-	-	272	21	
Ephraim Maister,	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	0	
John Miller,	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	0	
John E. Hall,	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	79	
									<u>2,800 0</u>

#### *Receiver General's Office.*

John McKiffick,	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars	1,050	0	
John Heaton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	0	
William January,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	0	
									<u>2,000 0</u>

### Contingent Expences—general purposes.

Watchmen at the Treasury and State-house yard,	-	-	Dollars	613	25
Joseph Fry, taking care of the State house and yard,	-	-	-	242	67
Henry Orth, conveying convicts from the goal of Dauphin county to the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia,	-	-	-	249	86
Peter Baynton, expenditures in the office of the State Treasurer,	-	-	-	230	57
Thomas Dobson, Stationary for ditto,	-	-	-	58	99
Ditto, ditto for the Comptroller General's office,	-	-	-	114	25
James Girvan, great coats for Watchmen,	-	-	-	39	29
Carried forward,	-	-	Dollars	1,548	88
Carried forward,	-	-	Dollars	128,831	36

Amount brought forward, - Dollars 128,831 36

Contingent Expences—general purposes—brought forward, Dollars 1,548 88

Francis and Robert Bailey, printing Certificates for the office of Comptroller General,	20	0
Estate of Thomas Smith, for making boxes for the Secretary's office,	45	10
John Donaldson, disbursements in the office of the Comptroller General,	303	3
Samuel Bryan, ditto in the office of the Register General,	58	34
William Linon, notifying Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States,	9	0
Leslie and Price, taking care of the State-house clock,	53	33
Alexander McDowell, surveying land for Cornplanter, per act of the 27th. of February, 1798,	357	15
Messrs. Claypoole, publishing the laws passed last session and furnishing copies to the Secretary's office,	275	63
William McClellan, bringing convicts from York county goal to the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia,	184	8
Robert Miller and William Rogers, conveying convicts from the goal of Chester county to the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia,	148	0
Cadwallader Evans, for surveying the barrack lots in the county of Philadelphia,	55	50
John Moore, for surveying lands granted to the Academy at Pittsburgh,	85	33
Trustees of the said Academy, per act of the sixteenth of March, 1798,	5,000	0
Trustees of Bucks county, per act of the sixteenth of March, 1798,	2,500	0
John Norris, Treasurer of Mifflin county, for so much paid by him to William Brown, one of the Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States,	21	0
Isaac Chapman, Treasurer of Bucks county, for ditto to John A. Hanna, ditto,	37	50
John Patton, Post-master, for postage on sundry letters from the Department of accounts to the several persons in the receipt of public monies,	19	5
Francis Johnston, advertising the sale of the barrack lots, remaining the property of the state,	28	0
Hugh Lennox, John Brown and Samuel Church, auditors for settling the accounts of Joseph Kerr and Lewis Nicolas, Brigade Inspectors for the county and city of Philadelphia,	318	93
William Maghee, for removing convicts from the goal of Washington county to the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia,	85	99
Samuel H. Smith, for printing blank Letters for the Department of Accounts,	32	0
Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, per act of the fourth of April, 1798,	6,516	26
James Trimble, packing laws, &c.	38	37
Hall and Sellers, printing laws,	3,465	0
Jacob Grace, conveying laws to sundry counties,	276	0
Samuel Whitehill, ditto, ditto,	348	0
James Pearson, making a plan of the City Lots, per act of the fifth of April, 1797,	500	0
Samuel Bryan, for expences and disbursements in the offices of the Comptroller General, Register General and Treasurer, during their continuance in Germantown, on account of the epidemic which then prevailed in the city of Philadelphia,	74	81
Christian Shade, conveying convicts from the goal of Cumberland county to that of the city and county of Philadelphia,	78	27
Joseph McClellan and Elijah McClenachan, Auditors for settling the accounts of the Brigade Inspectors of Chester county, per act of the 4th. of April, 1798,	26	2
Roger Kirk and Elisha Kirk, for apprehending John A. Rourke, who stood charged with horse stealing and had fled from justice into the state of Delaware,	55	88
	<u>22,564</u>	<u>50</u>
	Dollars	<u>151,395 96</u>

## No. VIII.

## State House and Yard.

Balance of appropriations, per acts of the fourth of April, 1796, and fifth of April, 1797, - - - - - Dollars 51 99

*Expenditures.*

Robert Haydock and Company, painting, &c.	- - - - -	Dollars 42 15
Joseph Fry, work done in the yard,	- - - - -	9 61
		<u>51 76</u>
Balance of appropriations,	- - - - -	0 23
		<u>Dollars 51 99</u>

## No. IX.

## Pensions.

Pensions to widows and children of officers and privates of the militia, who lost their lives in the service, - - - - - Dollars 1,844 50  
 Ditto to ditto of officers of the Pennsylvania line, - - - - - 2,353 18  
 Ditto to officers and soldiers disabled in the service, - - - - - 800 50  
Dollars 4,998 18

## No. X.

*Militia Expences, previous to the act of the eleventh of April, 1793.*

John Caldwell, for services in the militia of York county,	- - - - -	Dollars 76 0
Samuel Cochran, ditto ditto Dauphin county,	- - - - -	33 33
George Smith, - - - - -	- - - - -	7 86
		<u>Dollars 117 19</u>

## No. XI.

*Militia Expences, under the act of the eleventh of April, 1793.*

Bernard Hubley, Brigade Inspector of Northumberland county,	- - - - -	Dollars 200 0
Lewis Nicolas, Ditto of the city of Philadelphia, resigned,	- - - - -	215 54
Jesse Fell, Ditto of Luzerne county, ditto,	- - - - -	63 88
John Heaton, Ditto of the Second Brigade of Washington county,	- - - - -	250 0
John Wells, Ditto of Somerset county,	- - - - -	347 22
Alexander Russell, Ditto of York county,	- - - - -	450 0
Joseph Torrence, Ditto of Fayette county,	- - - - -	400 0
Charles Campbell, Ditto of Westmoreland county,	- - - - -	200 0
John Culbertson, Ditto of Mifflin county,	- - - - -	50 0
Abraham Baird, Ditto of Washington county,	- - - - -	200 0
Benjamin Burd, Ditto of Bedford county,	- - - - -	200 0
John Harper, Ditto of Chester county,	- - - - -	100 0
Samuel Grier, Ditto of Lycoming county,	- - - - -	200 0
Putnam Catlin, Ditto of Luzerne county,	- - - - -	80 54
John Cadwallader, Ditto of Huntingdon county,	- - - - -	200 0
Harvey Hurst, Ditto of the city of Philadelphia,	- - - - -	34 44
Josiah Harmar, Adjutant General,	- - - - -	1,400 0
William Sterrit, drums, colours, &c. for the militia of Mifflin county,	- - - - -	1,380 0
Henry Frailey, drums, &c. for several counties,	- - - - -	869 85
Abraham Baird, colours, &c. for Washington county,	- - - - -	487 74
Henry Shrupp, painting colours and drums for the militia of the county of Philadelphia,	- - - - -	152 0
		<u>Dollars 7,481 21</u>



## No. XII.

*Agents of Information.*

William Alexander,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars 1,129 24
John Hall,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 0
Caleb James and others,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 0
							<u>Dollars 1,329 24</u>

## No. XIII.

*Improvements.*

Balance of appropriations for the Years 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1796, and 1797,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars 41,736 88
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*Expenditures in 1798.*

Isaac Meason and John Gibson for clearing the river Youghiogeny, from its mouth to Salt-lick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dollars 533 33
Samuel Jackson, in full of his contract for clearing the river Monongahela, from its mouth to the Virginia line,	-	-	-	-	-	-	533 33
William Smith and others, for clearing the river Juniata, from its mouth, including the Lower Falls, to Augwick Falls,	-	-	-	-	-	-	66 67
William Hawk and George Routh, for clearing the river Schuylkill, and its branches, above Reading,	-	-	-	-	-	-	800 0
William Elliott, improving the Rays-town branch of the river Juniata, and of Dunning's creek,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600 0
Charles Campbell and John Denniston, for clearing the three divisions of the Conemaugh and Kiskeminitas rivers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	933 33
Jacob Wiser, balance due to him for his contract for improving the road from Carlisle into Shearman's valley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 0
James G. Heron and others, for opening a road from Pittsburgh, by Fort Franklin, to Le Boeuf,	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 0
John Norris, opening & improving a road from Lewistown to Penn's valley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	400 0
Commissioners of the county of Montgomery, for building a bridge over Perkioming-creek, per act of the eleventh of April, 1793.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300 0
							<u>7,516 66</u>
Balance of appropriations unexpended,	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>34,220 22</u>
							<u>Dollars 41,736 88</u>

## No. XIV.

*Funded and Depreciation Debt.*

			<i>Depreciation Debt.</i>	<i>Funded Debt.</i>
Amount issued,	-	-	£627,585 11 4	£229,638 7 8
Redeemed to the thirty-first of December, 1797,	-	-	622,446 12 2	220,868 13 4
Ditto Ditto, 1798,	-	-	58 2 0	178 6 0
Balance to be redeemed,	-	-	5,080 17 2	8,591 8 4
			<u>£627,585 11 4</u>	<u>£229,638 7 8</u>
£5,080 17 2, Depreciation Debt, interest thereon on an average six years,	-	-	£1,829 2 2	
£8,591 8 4, Funded Debt, interest thereon on an average five years,	-	-	£2,577 8 6	
Balance of principal of Depreciation Debt, to be redeemed, brought down,	-	-	£5,080 17 2	
Balance of ditto of Funded Debt ditto,	-	-	£8,591 8 4	
			<u>£18,078 16 2</u>	
Total principal and interest to be redeemed,	-	-		

Amount of appropriation, per act of the fourth of April, 1796, for the redemption of the balance of Funded and Depreciation Debts, Three per Cent and Deferred Purparts, then out standing,	Dollars 60,858 45
Expended, in the redemption of said debts, principal and interest, from the fifth of April, 1796, to the thirty-first of December, 1798,	7,150 36
Balance of appropriation unexpended on the first of January, 1799,	Dollars 53,708 7

## No. XV.

*Arms for the Defence of the Commonwealth.*

Balance of appropriation for purchasing twenty thousand stand of arms, per act of the twenty-eighth of March, 1797, unexpended the first of January, 1798,	Dollars 226,623 0
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*Expenditures in 1798.*

John Graham, advertising propofals for supplying the said arms,	Dollars 13 0
Andrew Brown, ditto,	4 67
A. Hall, ditto,	5 25
Charles Pierce, ditto,	2 50
David C. and S. Claypoole, ditto,	4 67
Owen Evans, on account of his contract for supplying a portion of said arms,	4,500 0
Kunrat Walchance and Jacob Lether, ditto,	2,400 0
John Miles, ditto,	600 0
Abraham Henry and John Graeff, ditto,	4,966 0
	<u>12,496 9</u>
Balance of appropriation unexpended,	Dollars 214,126 91

## No. XVI.

*Unfunded Certificates, redeemed per Act of the fourth of April, 1798.*

Number of Certificates	When Redeemed.	In whose Favor.	Amount of Principal.	Amount of Interest.	Total.
	1798.		Dollars C.	Dollars Cents	Dollars C.
112	Feb. 10.	Nicholas Miller,	1 3	0 85	1 88
157	April 9.	William Turnbull,	9,509 15	148 96	9,658 11
155	April 12.	Jared Ingerfoll,	300 0	No Interest.	300 0
156	April 12.	Alexander J. Dallas,	300 0	Ditto.	300 0
161	Sept. 6.	Jeremiah Fisher,	66 66	Ditto.	66 66
162	October 2	Ditto,	66 66	Ditto.	66 66
163	October 2	Joseph Ogden,	120 0	Ditto.	120 0
			<u>10363 50</u>	<u>149 81</u>	<u>10513 31</u>

## No. XVII.

*Unfunded Certificates, issued in 1798.*

Number.	To whom.	Interest.	Principal.
157	William Turnbull,	From Jan. 1, 1799	Dols. 9,509 15
158	Jared Ingerfoll,	No Interest.	100 0
159	Alexander James Dallas,	Ditto.	100 0
160	Thomas Durnell and others,	Ditto.	182 25
161	Jeremiah Fisher,	Ditto.	66 66
162	Ditto,	Ditto.	66 66
163	Joseph Ogden.	Ditto.	120 0
			<u>10,144 72</u>

## No. XVIII.

*General Statement of Unfunded Debt.*

Amount of Unfunded Debt, issued per act of the fourth of April, 1792, until the thirty-first of December, 1797, - - -				Dollars 95,545 8
Ditto of Ditto, issued until the thirty-first of December, 1798, - - -				10,144 72
				<u>Dollars 105,689 90</u>
Unfunded Certificates, redeemed per acts of the tenth of April, 1793, the twenty-second of April, 1794, the twenty-fifth of February, 1795, the fourth of April, 1796, the fifth of April, 1797, and the fourth of April, 1798, - - -	Total.	Interest.	Principal.	
	Dollars 118,594 35	13,658 38	104,935 97	
Balance of principal to be redeemed, - - -				Dollars 753 83
Of this balance 329 dollars and 45 cents bear interest from the first of July, 1783, which, calculated to the fourth of April, 1796, amounts to, - - -			252 24	
And 70 dollars bear interest from the twenty-second of May, 1784, which, calculated to fifth of April, 1797, amounts to - - -			54 7	
Total amount of principal and interest to be redeemed, - - -			1,060 14	
Deduct balance of appropriations not applied for, - - -			570 43	
				<u>Dollars 489 71</u>

## No. XIX.

*Bills of Credit of different Emissions.*

	Bills of March, 1785.	Bills of April, 1781.	Island Money.	Dollar Money.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	Dollars. qts.
Amount emitted, -	150,000 0 0	486,500 0 0	100,000 0 0	1,495,000 0
Burnt and destroyed until the first of January, 1799, -	146,212 10 5	482,216 5 5	99,478 5 0	1,417,719 0
In possession of the Loan-officer of the United States, not perfected, In the Treasury on the first day of January, 1799, -	349 13 9	98 8 0		75,160 67
Balance to be redeemed, -	3,437 15 10	4,185 6 7	521 15 0	2,120 23
	150,000 0 0	486,500 0 0	100,000 0 0	1,495,000 0

## No. XX.

*Three per Cents and Deferred Purparts.*

Amount in Three per Cent Purparts issued, per former report, - - -	Three per Cent.	Deferred.
	Dollars 217,732 75	Dollars 145,154 96
Amount not issued, - - -	455 80	303 85
	<u>218,188 55</u>	<u>145,458 81</u>
Amount redeemed, until the first of January, 1799, - - -	Dollars 216,486 53	Dollars 141,999 20
Not issued, - - -	455 80	303 85
Balance to be redeemed, - - -	1,246 22	3,155 76
	<u>218,188 55</u>	<u>145,458 81</u>

Dollars

Dollars 1,246 22	Three per Cents, at fifty per cent.	-	Dollars 623 11	
	Seven months interest, at three per cent,	-	21 80	
3,155 76	Deferred Debt, at thirty-nine per cent.	-	1,230 74	Dollars 644 91
	Six months interest thereon, at six per cent.	-	94 67	
	One month's interest, on dollars 1,230 74,	-	6 15	
				1,331 56
Value of the debt to be redeemed,				1,976 47

## No. XXI.

*Statement of the Debts due to the Commonwealth on the first of January, 1799, and a statement of the Stock of the Bank of Pennsylvania, and of the Stock of the United States, the property of this State.*

## Debts.

Balance of Continental Certificates in possession of John Nicholson, late Comptroller General, as directed by law, equal in	Six per Cent Stock of the United States to	Dollars 34,139 48	
	And in Deferred Stock to	17,069 74	51,209 21
Balance of interest produced by the aforementioned Continental Certificates, per account settled, which is payable in three per cent Stock of the United States, bearing three per cent interest,			63,729 86
Interest on the two preceding articles, from the first of January, 1791,			
Difference between the value of Continental Certificates, corresponding with New Loans, subscribed by John Nicholson, and the value of the said New Loans in Specie, per judgment of the Supreme Court against the said John Nicholson,			11,222 59
Interest thereon from the eighteenth of December, 1795,			
Balance of Certificates of Funded Debt in possession of John Nicholson, the late Comptroller General, which he ought to have delivered to the Comptroller General,		£3,536 15 3	9,431 36
Interest thereon,			
Balance deficient, either overcharged in the Treasurer's account of interest paid on New Loan Certificates, or actually paid but neglected to be entered upon the Certificates, which remains unascertained,			30,929 30
Arrearages of the purchase money of lands sold prior to the revolution, and balances due for lands fold since that period, and for lands held by settlement, about			486,000 0
Arrears of Excise, about			500 0
Arrears of general taxes, exclusive of the carriage tax, about			400,000 0

*N. B.* The above statement exhibits a much larger sum to be outstanding for taxes, than will eventually be found to be the case, because the Legislature, at different periods, have exonerated certain districts of country from the payment of taxes, on account of Indian depredations, &c. the amount of which exonerations must be deducted from the aggregate sum of taxes stated to be outstanding, when the accounts of the several counties are settled. The above sum also includes all balances ascertained to be due by County Treasurers.

Balance due from the estate of John Chaloner, late auctioneer,		2,769 48
Balance of principal and interest of Loan-office of 1793, about		15,000 0
Balance of principal of Loan-office of £50,000, per No. IV.	Dollars 3,115 39	
Interest thereon, about	1,200 0	
		4,315 39
		Balance

Balance due from the United States, on account of Western Expedition, about	-	-	-	61,326	0
Old debts, on various accounts, in a train of investigation, say,	-	-	-	12,000	0
Estate of David Kennedy, late Secretary of the Land-office,	-	-	-	4,286	96
William Nichols, late Clerk of the Mayor's Court, balance of tavern licences,	-	-	-	5,794	74
Note, Mr. Nichols has appealed from the above settlement.					
William R. Atlee, late Prothonotary, &c. of Delaware county,	-	-	-	319	78
William Craig, late Prothonotary, &c. of Northampton county,	-	-	-	1,165	47
Due on account of a Loan made to Huntingdon county, for completing public buildings, about	-	-	-	1,300	0
N. B. The total sum of the above debts is not given because they are of various value.					

## Stock.

A principal of two thousand five hundred shares in the Stock of the Bank of Pennsylvania,	-	-	-	Dollars	1,000,000	0
Six per Cent Stock of the United States, deposited in the said Bank,	-	-	-	-	83,498	56
Deferred Six per Cent Stock of the United States, deposited in the said Bank,	-	-	-	-	316,839	57
Stock in the possession of the Comptroller General, for the purpose of exchanging New Loans, viz.						
Six per Cent Stock,	-	-	-	Dollars	2,010	37
Deferred ditto,	-	-	-	-	1,005	19
Three per Cent ditto,	-	-	-	-	5,782	5
Registered debt,	-	-	-	-	3,000	0

## No. XXII.

*Statement of Debts due by the Commonwealth, and Balances of Appropriations unpaid on the first of January, 1799.*

This sum ascertained to be due by this State to the United States, on a general settlement of accounts between the several States,	-	-	-	Dollars	76,709	0
Interest thereon,	-	-	-	-	-	-
This sum received from the United States, to pay one quarter's interest on assumed debt,	-	-	-	-	13,982	14
Balance of Three per Cent and Deferred Purparts, unredeemed, per Schedule No. XX,	-	-	-	-	1,976	47
Balance of Unfunded Debt, No. XVIII,	-	-	-	-	489	77
Balance of bills of credit, of April, 1781, No. XIX.	£	4,185	6	7	equal to	11,160 88
Balance of bills of credit, of March, 1785, No. XIX.	£	3,437	15	10	equal to	9,167 44
Balance of Funded and Depreciation Debts outstanding, per Schedule No. XIV,	-	-	-	£	18,078	16 2 equal to 48,210 15
Balance of appropriation for arms, per Schedule No. XV.	-	-	-	-	214,126	91
Balance of appropriations for improvements, per Schedule No. XIII.	-	-	-	-	34,220	22
Balance of appropriations for the State-house and Yard, No. VIII.	-	-	-	-	0	23

Samuel Bryan.

Register General's Office, }  
 January 14th. 1799. }



REPORT OF THE ARREARS

OF

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*I HAVE the Honor to inclose, for  
the Information of the House of Representatives, a  
Report of the Arrears of Taxes due from the several  
Counties, and some Remarks thereon.*

I am, with Respect,

Your most humble Servant,

JOHN DONNALDSON.

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*January 21, 1799.*

CADWALADER EVANS, Esq.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.



# REPORT OF ARREARS OF TAXES to the 31st. December, 1798.

Names of Counties.	Amount of Taxes from Dec. 1780 to March 1789.	Exonerated by Law.	Amount of Cash Credits.	Balance due from the Counties.	Amount overpaid.
Philadelphia City and County.	£. 466,061 10 2	£.	£. 450,474 11 1	£. 15,586 19 1	£.
Bucks County.	98,115 6 6	2,665 9 3	94,840 18 5	608 18 10	
Chester County.	157,500 17 9	270 9	144,179 19 1	13,050 9 8	
Lancaster County.	199,360 10 1		176,331 4 10½	23,029 5 2½	
York County.	118,760 7 3		116,954 13 6	1,805 13 9	
Cumberland County.	99,859 9 9	4,657 14 1	56,513 17 11½	38,687 17 8½	
Berks County.	107,210 6 5		104,221 16 0	2,988 10 5	2,581 11 10.
Northampton County.	61,716 5 8	2,237 13 8	62,060 3 10		
Bedford County.	32,597 8 1	7,665 6 3	13,988 0 7	10,944 1 3	
Northumberland County.	43,763 5 7	21,956 14 4	9,120 6 1	12,686 5 2	
Westmoreland County.	26,504 2 10	20,845 13 5	2,961 17 8	2,696 11 9	
Washington County.	25,170 1 7	18,171 7 9	6,998 13 10		
Dauphin County.	13,795 16 3		13,695 13 10	100 2 5	
Fayette County.	3,893 8 9		3,893 8 9		
Franklin County.	11,763 5 10		6,478 6 3	5,284 19 7	
Montgomery County.	30,000 0 0		29,954 15 3	45 4 9	
Huntingdon County.	1,236 0 0		1,054 2 4	181 17 8	
	£. 1,497,308 2 6	£. 78,470 7 9	£. 1,293,722 9 4	£. 127,696 17 3	£. 2,581 11 10

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
January 21, 1799.

JOHN DONNALDSON,



## REMARKS on the REPORT of ARREARS of TAXES to the LEGISLATURE.

THE Auditors for the City and County of Philadelphia have reported, and the accounts settled agreeably thereto, except that they have credited Isaac Snowden, late Treasurer, for fundry monies he applied to county purposes out of the monies received from the class taxes, which I have not admitted; for although it ought not to operate against the Treasurer, as he had the sanction of the county Commissioners, yet the state is entitled to the benefit, and the county must account for it. A portion of the balance is also chargeable to Montgomery county for arrears on these taxes, levied before the separation from Philadelphia county. There is still outstanding on these duplicates £.30,886 9 10, from which the deficiency will in part be made up, but a considerable loss has been sustained by the city and county from the failure of the Collectors, James Rowan and others.

*Bucks County.* The Auditors have reported, and the accounts settled. The Treasurers of this county have paid up, and there is more on the duplicates yet to be collected than will extinguish this balance.

*Chester County.* The Auditors have reported on these accounts. They differed considerably from my statement, which has been corrected. There is a balance due by Andrew Boyd of £.2,386 14 4, for which he has applied to the Legislature for redress, alledging I have not credited him with all the monies he has paid. As it is before a Committee of the Legislature, I shall not comment thereon. There is on the duplicates outstanding £.13,225 2 8½, for which the present Treasurer has to account. He has paid nothing on account of taxes.

*Lancaster County.* The accounts of the estate of William Henry have not been rendered since my being in office. On the appointment of Auditors, it was expected these accounts would have been furnished. So far as I have been able to look into them, from the documents I possess, the continental money taxes are very much blended with the state money taxes. The present exhibits a state of the balance, after deducting such credits as I found in the Treasurer's books. More cannot be done until the Auditors report, or the accounts be rendered to this department. Jacob Krug, the present Treasurer, has rendered his accounts independent of the Auditors, and they have been paid up.

*York County.* Has paid nearly up. There is as much due on the duplicates as will cover this balance.

*Cumberland County.* The balance due from this county is very large, owing principally to the incapacity of the late Treasurer, Alexander M'Keehen. His accounts were brought forward for settlement, with some difficulty, at the close of the year 1795. The balance then found due was dollars 25,179  $\frac{4}{100}$  equal to £.9,442 6 2, and copies thereof furnished to the Treasurer by Mr. Lamberton in February, 1796. Proceedings were stayed, in expectation that the balance would be reduced, and also that the Auditors for that county would report. Not hearing from the Auditors on the 17th. May, 1796, under the direction of the Attorney-General, I issued a writ from this office, as provided for by Act of October 4th, 1788, and his property was levied upon and his person seized; and on the 22d. November, 1796, another writ was issued, under the direction of the Attorney-General, ordering the sale of M'Keehen's property, and it was accordingly advertized for sale, but it was found to be so incumbered with other claims, as to make it improper to force a sale of the most valuable part that was understood to be his estate. Therefore, 3d. January 1797, I directed the Sheriff of Cumberland county to postpone the further sale of the property disputed; until the title could be investigated, and that part which was sold was prevented from reaching the Treasury by judgments confessed, as I understand, for the express purpose of securing his bail. By the advice of the Attorney-General, M'Keehen was admitted to bail. In November he attended at this office for examination, and returned to Carlisle. Things remain still in the same unsettled state. The Auditors made their report in the beginning of the year 1797, but being imperfect, they were called upon for further materials through the present Treasurer, Mr. Miller, and which I received a few days past by Mr. Alexander. What alterations

tions these documents will make in M<sup>c</sup>Keehen's balance, I have not yet examined. There appears to be yet outstanding on the duplicates, to be accounted for, £.15,536 8 4, which will be very short of the balance.

It is further necessary to observe, that about 7,000 dollars of M<sup>c</sup>Keehen's money, which was ordered to be paid into the Treasury, was arrested by some of his securities, by which conduct the money is lost, as the parties have since failed.

*Berks County.* The accounts of this county were settled, and a writ issued in August, 1796, from this office, and the property of the estate of Daniel Levan levied on; and on the 22d. November, 1796, another writ was issued for the sale of Mr. Levan's property, which has taken place, and the money in the hands of the Sheriff of Berks, which he promised to pay last December, but has not yet done it. The balance due from Mr. Levan's estate is more than equal to the balance due from the county, besides what is yet outstanding on the duplicates.

*Northampton County.* No report has yet been made by the Auditors. The accounts of this county have been adjusted from the credits in the Treasurer's books, and the exonerations and disbursements that were allowed on the accounts heretofore settled with the county Treasurers of this county. The amount paid exceeds the quota of the county, but as the accounts for continental taxes are not settled, this balance may be absorbed by the balance due for these taxes.

*Bedford County.* The Auditors have reported, and the accounts are stated from their report, and the books of the Treasury. There is some difficulty in placing the monies paid in for unseated lands, but that will not alter the balance.

*Northumberland County.* No report from the Auditors; but from the settlements made by the different Treasurers, it appears that Luzerne is chargeable with the taxes on the townships of Stoke and Shawanese, taken from this county into Luzerne, amount £.3,144 11 6.

*Westmoreland County.* No report from the Auditors of this county. The estate of William Perry, the former Treasurer, is indebted £.1,548 5 0. He died in the hospital in the year 1793. Joseph Cooke, the late Treasurer, has not settled his accounts. Nothing has been done, as I have been daily in expectation of a return from this county. Mr. Brandon, the present Treasurer, has not paid any thing on account of taxes.

*Washington County.* The Auditors have not reported. The Treasurer, Andrew Swearingen, has paid up the balance of the quota taxes for this county.

*Dauphin County.* No report from the Auditors. The Treasurer, John Thome, has settled and paid up regularly. The balance from this county is small, and there is more on the duplicates than will pay it.

*Fayette County.* Paid in full. The Auditors have made no report.

*Franklin County.* The Auditors have made no report. George Clingan has not settled for some time past. Measures have not been taken to bring his accounts forward, expecting the Auditors would have done it. John Riddle, the present Treasurer, has paid considerable sums, but his accounts are delayed, I suppose, for the same reasons.

*Montgomery County.* The Auditors have reported, and the Treasurers have settled their accounts. There is as much in the hands of the present Treasurer as will pay this balance. This county will have to make up part of the deficiency, if any, of the city and county of Philadelphia, for arrears due before erecting of Montgomery out of Philadelphia county.

*Huntingdon County.* The Auditors have reported, and the county Treasurer, Mr. Elliott, has settled agreeably thereto. The small balance due from this county will no doubt soon be paid.

Upon the whole, I have given such remarks as have occurred to me in the course of my investigating this business; but the work has not been rendered as complete as I wished, for want of materials, the particulars of which have already been communicated to the committee of the Legislature on this business.

It is necessary that a statement of the taxes due on continental money should also be made out, and some principle fixed, at what scale of depreciation the balances due shall be charged. I am about the work, but it will take some time to produce it from the documents I now possess, and it cannot be made complete, unless aided in the manner proposed to the Committee of the Legislature.

JOHN DONNALDSON.









